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Haru's search for the Rave of Combat led him to the embattled city of Raberrier. When Haru learned that the one leading the attacking Demonoid forces was named Gale—the same name as his dad—he had to go investigate. Gale Glory was indeed at the Demoid base, the Tower of Din, but he wasn't leading them—he was fighting against them. The Gale in charge was none other than Demon Card leader Gale Raregroove, a.k.a. King. The reunited father and son enter the tower in order to stop King's "Enclaim," a process for creating new Dark Bring. With the help of Musica and the others, they defeated King's elite Palace Guardians, but when they reached the top of the tower they found King waiting for them with a Dark Bring more powerful than they had ever imagined possible.

HARU GLORY: The Rave Master. Haru is the heir to Rave, the only one capable of wielding it and destroying Dark Bring. Impulsive and headstrong, he's not afraid to put himself in danger to do what is right. His father disappeared in search of Rave when he was very young.

ELIE: A girl with no past. Elie travels the world in search of the key to her forgotten memories. Outwardly cheerful, she hides a great sadness from her past. She's hot-headed, so when she pulls out her explosive Tonfa Blasters, bad guys watch out!

MUSICA: Leader of the Silver Rhythm Gang. An orphan whose family was slaughtered when he was a baby. Musica became a street-fighting petty thief, but he has a good heart.

PLUE: The Rave Bearer. Plue is supposed to be Haru's guide in finding the Rave Stones, but so far he's just gotten him in and out of trouble. No one knows exactly what Plue is, but he seems to have healing abilities and is smarter than your average...whatever he is.

KING: Supreme leader and co-founder of Demon Card. He fights with the Decalogue Sword, a Dark Bring that mimics the abilities of the Ten Powers. His real name is Gale Raregroove, and he used to be friends with Gale Glory.

GALE GLORY: Haru's father. He left home in search of the Raves fifteen years ago and hasn't seen his family since. Gale Glory and Gale Raregroove (a.k.a. King) seem to have known each other for a long time, but how?!

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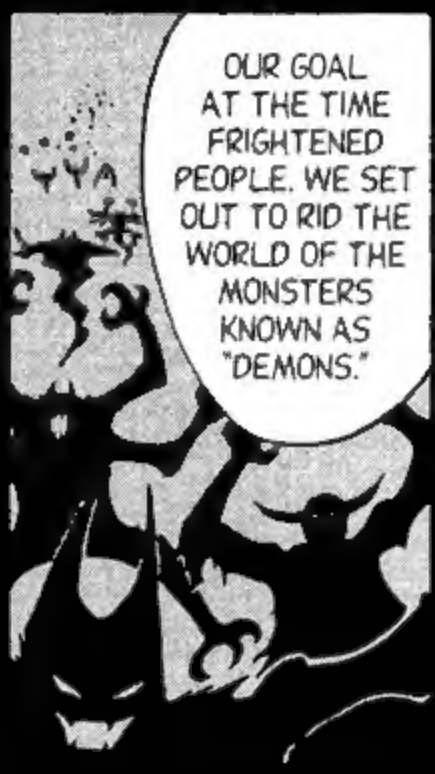
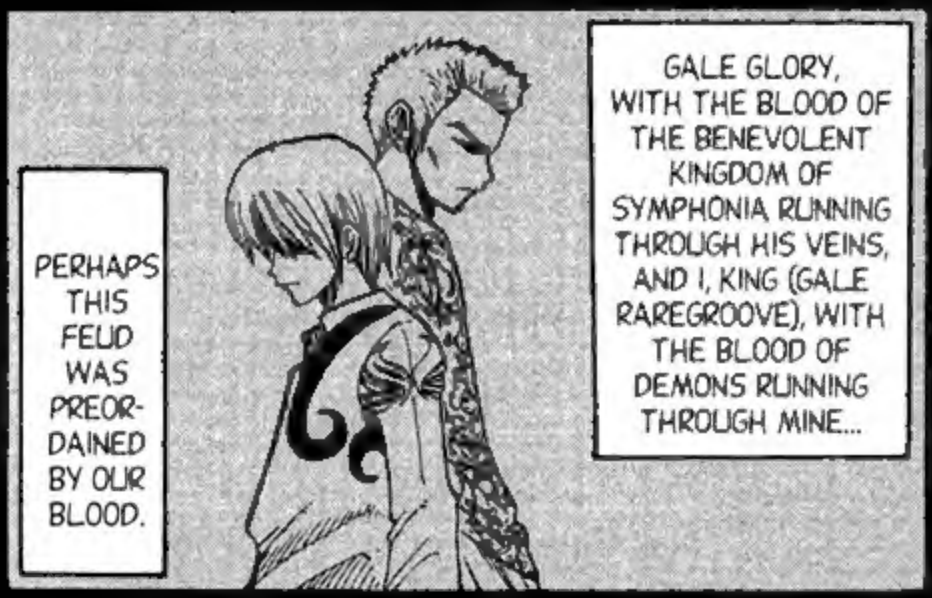
THE YEAR, 0041... THE TOWN OF MARRY LOOSE, IN THE EASTERN REACHES OF THE ALBANA CONTINENT.
ON THIS DAY, THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE WAR...
...WE TWO GALES MET, AS IF BY FATE, AND CREATED DEMON CARD.

DEMONCARD
OUR ORGANIZATION GREW LARGER AND LARGER, WITH WARRIORS FROM ALL ACROSS THE WORLD JOINING OUR RANKS.


OUR GOAL AT THE TIME FRIGHTENED PEOPLE. WE SET OUT TO RID THE WORLD OF THE MONSTERS KNOWN AS "DEMONS."


PERHAPS THIS FEUD WAS PREORDAINED BY OUR BLOOD.
GALE GLORY, WITH THE BLOOD OF THE BENEVOLENT KINGDOM OF SYMPHONIA RUNNING THROUGH HIS VEINS, AND I, KING (GALE RAREGROOVE), WITH THE BLOOD OF DEMONS RUNNING THROUGH MINE...

HOWEVER, THOSE GOLDEN DAYS DID NOT LAST LONG...

RAVE: 65 ✚ A BUTTON IN THE WRONG HOLE

AND SO IN TIME WE SPLIT APART, LIKE TWO GEARS UNABLE TO MESH.
GALE RAREGROOVE
AGE 20
(LATER BECOMES KING)
RAVE MASTER
GALE GLORY RETIRED FROM DEMON CARD...
GALE GLORY
AGE 20

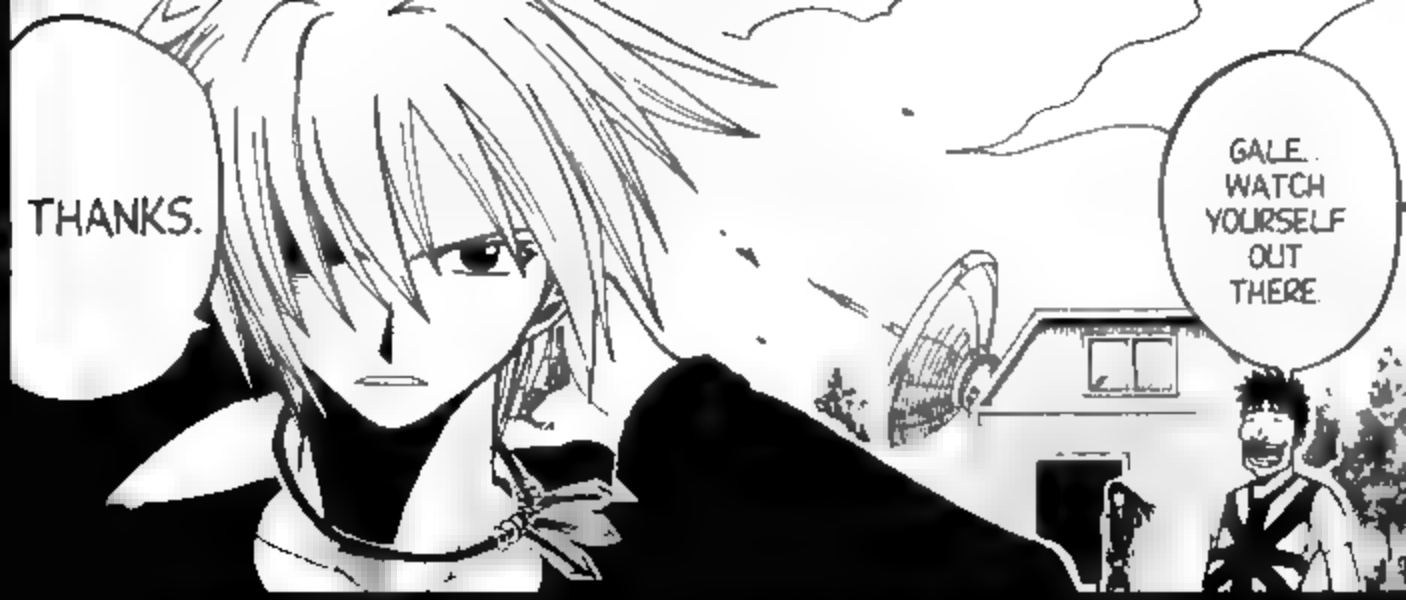
AND THEN I MET YOUR MOTHER, SAKURA, AND FELL IN LOVE.
I SET SAIL, LET THE SEA CARRY ME WHEREVER IT MAY, AND I ENDED UP ON GARAGE ISLAND.
YES... AND FROM THAT DAY ON, I STROVE TO FIND A QUIET LIFE.
AFTER YOU LEFT? DEMON CARD CHANGED IN THE TEN YEARS YOU WERE GONE?
THAT IS, UNTIL I HEARD ABOUT HOW DEMON CARD CHANGED AFTER I LEFT.
FOR TEN YEARS WE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN HAPPIER. CATTLEYA WAS BORN, THEN YOU WERE BORN, HARU. EVERYTHING WAS PERFECT.
Come on, that hurts...
BUT HARU'S PROBABLY A LITTLE TOO YOUNG FOR SILVER JEWELRY, AREN'T YA, KID?
DAAAAH!
HEY, IT'S NOT OFTEN WE GET MERCHANTS FROM OTHER ISLANDS HERE.
Step right up! Now's your chance to buy the hottest accessories from the continent!
0051
GARAGE ISLAND

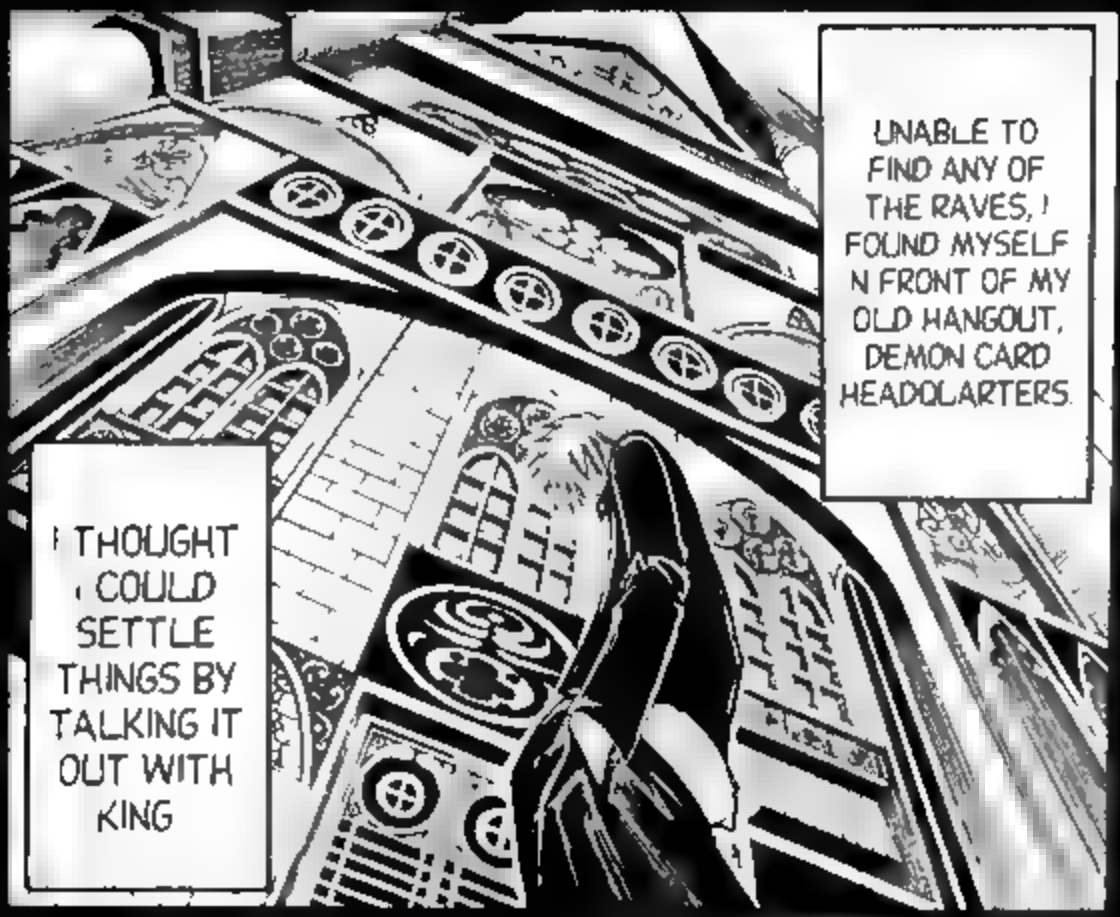
HEY NOW, IF I GO WASTIN' MONEY, YOUR MOM'S GONNA HAVE A FIT!
!!
DAAAAH!
DAAAAH!
HOW 'BOUT A MATCHING FATHER-SON SET? I'LL PART WITH THIS FOR A MEASLY 5,000 EDEL. WHADDAYA SAY?
AU CONTRAIRE, MY FRIEND! MY SILVER IS FOR EVERYONE, YOUNG AND OLD!
5,000, HUH...
AND HERE YOU GO.
?
YOU ISLAND FOLK MUST NOT GET AROUND MUCH. THE WORLD'S A DISASTER AND YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON.
HUH?
PEACEFUL? IT'S PEACEFUL EVERYWHERE. WHAT WITH THE EMPIRE AND DEMON CARD AND ALL...THEY GOT RID OF ALL THE BAD GUYS IN THE WORLD, MAN.
I TELL YA, THIS ISLAND IS GREAT. IT'S SO EASY TO DO BUSINESS HERE. IT'S SO PEACEFUL.
DEMON CARD... IS EVIL?
WHAT?
THE WHOLE WORLD IS GOING TO HELL IN A HANDBASKET, MAN, ALL THANKS TO THOSE CREEPS.
DEMON CARD ARE THE BAD GUYS, MAN! THEY'RE EVIL, SPREADING DESTRUCTION WHEREVER THEY GO!

AND TEN YEARS LATER, DEMON CARD HAD BEEN COMPLETELY REBORN AS AN ORGANIZATION OF DEVILISH FIENDS WHO WIELD THE POWER OF DARK BRING.
KING, WHO BECAME THE SOLE LEADER OF DEMON CARD UPON GALE GLORY'S LEAVING, DREW UPON THE POWER OF DARK BRING TO MAKE DEMON CARD MORE POWERFUL.
HE WAS ALWAYS ALONE!!
I SHOULDN'T HAVE ABANDONED KING!!
IF I HADN'T QUIT DEMON CARD...
THIS IS ALL MY FAULT.
YEAH.
IS THAT REALLY WHAT HAP-PENED?
I HAVE TO GO.
.....
SAKURA GLORY (GALE'S WIFE)
I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO... ONLY THE RAVE STONES HAVE THE POWER TO STOP DARK BRING. I'LL FIND THEM, YOU'LL SEE.
BUT...
WHY'D IT HAVE TO TURN OUT LIKE THIS?!

DO YOU. REALLY HAVE TO GO?
SAKURA... DO YOU THINK YOU COULD KEEP IT A SECRET THAT I USED TO BE N DEMON CARD? I DON'T WANT THE PEOPLE HERE KNOWING. AND ..IT WOULD BE SO HARD ON THE KIDS.
OKAY
I'LL STOP KING.
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STOP HIM.
PLEASE UNDERSTAND. KING AND I WERE BEST FRIENDS

sniffle
YEAH
SAKURA CATTLEYA... TAKE CARE, ALL RIGHT?
GAAAAALE!! THE BOAT'S ALL READY TO GO!!
DADDY!!
SCOLE
COME HOME AFTER YOU FIND THE RAVE THINGIES, 'KAY?!




I THOUGHT I COULD SETTLE THINGS BY TALKING IT OUT WITH KING
UNABLE TO FIND ANY OF THE RAVES, I FOUND MYSELF N FRONT OF MY OLD HANGOUT, DEMON CARD HEADQUARTERS.

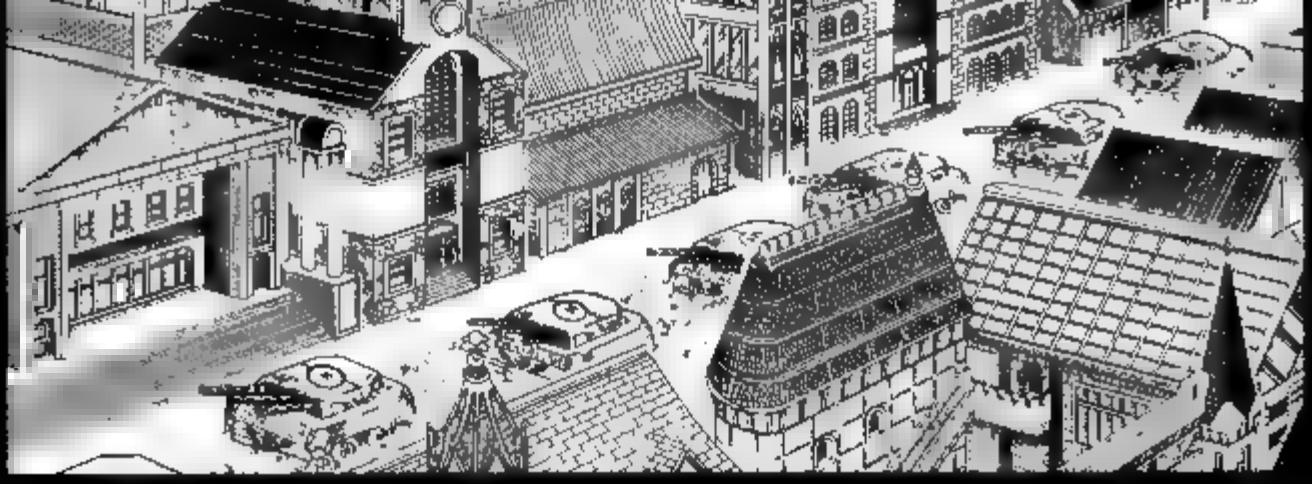
FIVE YEARS WENT BY...

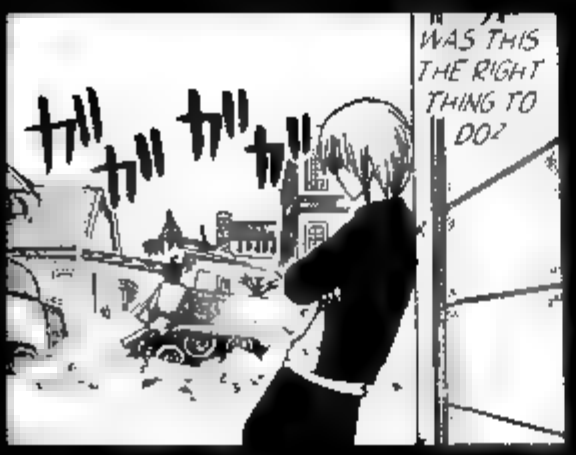
!
G-GLORY
YUP.. I'M MARRIED NOW THIS IS MY WIFE, EMILIA, AND MY SON, LUCIA.
IS THAT YOUR KID, KING?
BACK TO DEMON CARD
GLORY .. SO, YOU'VE COME BACK TO JOIN US, EH?
HE'S GOT A FAMILY HUH? WONDER HOW MY OWN FAMILY'S DOING.. BY NOW, HARU MUST BE ABOUT THIS BIG TOO.
KING'S TOLD ME SO MUCH ABOUT YOU...HIS BEST FRIEND WITH THE SAME NAME AND SAME BIRTHDAY.
HA HA..
ACTUALLY
.....

I CAME TO STOP YOU.
HAVE YOU GONE MAD, GLORY?!
WH--WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! DEMON CARD HAS NEVER BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL
HAND OVER ALL YOUR DB TO THE EMPIRE
LET'S PUT AN END TO THIS DISBAND DEMON CARD RIGHT NOW BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE
I'M WONDERING THE SAME THING ABOUT YOU!! WHY DID YOU TURN EVIL? WHY DID YOU BORROW THE POWER OF THE DARK? THAT'S NOT WHAT WE MADE DEMON CARD FOR!!
YOU RUN AWAY FOR FIFTEEN YEARS AND DON'T EVEN BOTHER TO SEND A POSTCARD, NOW YOU COME TO JUDGE ME?! DON'T BE SO NAIVE SOMETIMES TO GET THINGS DONE, YOU HAVE TO GET YOUR HANDS A LITTLE DIRTY
.....

CAN'T LET YOU
!!
GET OUTTA HERE, NOW.
KING...
SO PLEASE... JUST...GO HOME.
. DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU, GLORY I STILL THINK OF YOU AS MY BEST FRIEND
KING YOU .

!
HEY SLADE... YOU LOOK WELL.
HEY, IF IT ISN'T COLONEL GLORY!! LONG TIME NO SEE!
AFTER THAT EVERY THING CHANGED
DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ANYMORE HAVE NO CHOICE I'M JUST ONE MAN...
EMPIRE
MARRY LOOSE
HEY IT'S BEEN WHAT, TEN YEARS, SINCE YOU LEFT THE EMPIRE TO START SOME ORGANIZATION OR WHATEVER?
FIFTEEN YEARS, ACTUALLY
WHAT'S WITH THE LONG FACE? SOMETHING THE MATTER?
WELL
I MADE IT UP TO SECOND LIEUTENANT
THAT'S GREAT




WAS THIS THE RIGHT THING TO DO?

IMPERIALISM

IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN THAT BLOND GUY COULD IT?
HOW DID THEY FIND US HERE?!
LONG

KING. I'M SORRY BUT IF THIS IS THE ONLY WAY TO MAKE YOU COME TO YOUR SENSES

WHAT?!
WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!! IMPERIAL SOLDIERS ARE HEADED THIS WAY!!

HUH?

WATCH YOUR MOUTH!! GLORY WOULD NEVER SELL US OUT LIKE THAT!!
SI-- SIR..

ALL UNITS, ATTACK!!

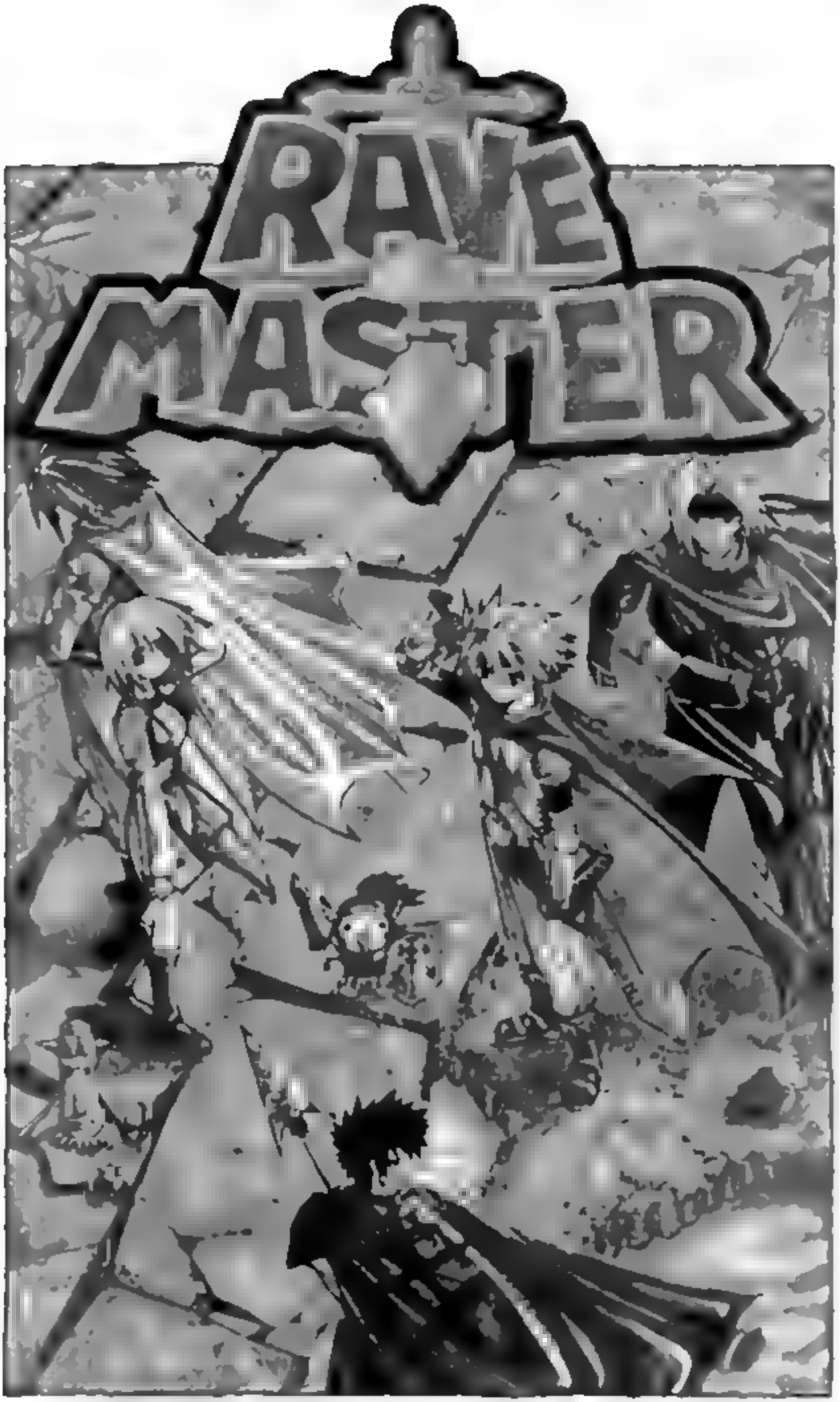
GYAAAAAAAH!
NOW THE THUGS WILL PAY FOR THEIR CRIMES!!
THERE THEY ARE! TAKE DOWN THOSE DEMON CARD SCOUNDRELS!!
LEAVE MY WIFE AND KID OUT OF THIS! THEY HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING!! HOLD YOUR FIRE!!!
WA-- WAIT!!
WAIT A SECOND!!
YOU NEVER SAID ANY-THING ABOUT THIS!!
I DON'T CARE!! FIRE!
DON'T PAY ATTENTION TO THAT LYING SCUM!

HONEY!!
DADDY!!
EMILIA!!
LUCIA!!
SLADE!!
CALL OFF YOUR MEN, NOW! WHO TOLD YOU TO DO THIS?!
ANSWER ME, OR I SWEAR I'LL BREAK YOUR NECK!!

KYAAAAAAAA!
AAAAAAAAH!
YOU TOLD ME YOU WERE JUST GONNA ARREST KING, NOT BLOW UP HIS FAMILY!!
SINCE WHEN HAS THE EMPIRE BEEN THIS CORRUPT?
SAVE ME...
GLORY... WHAT SHOULD I DO?

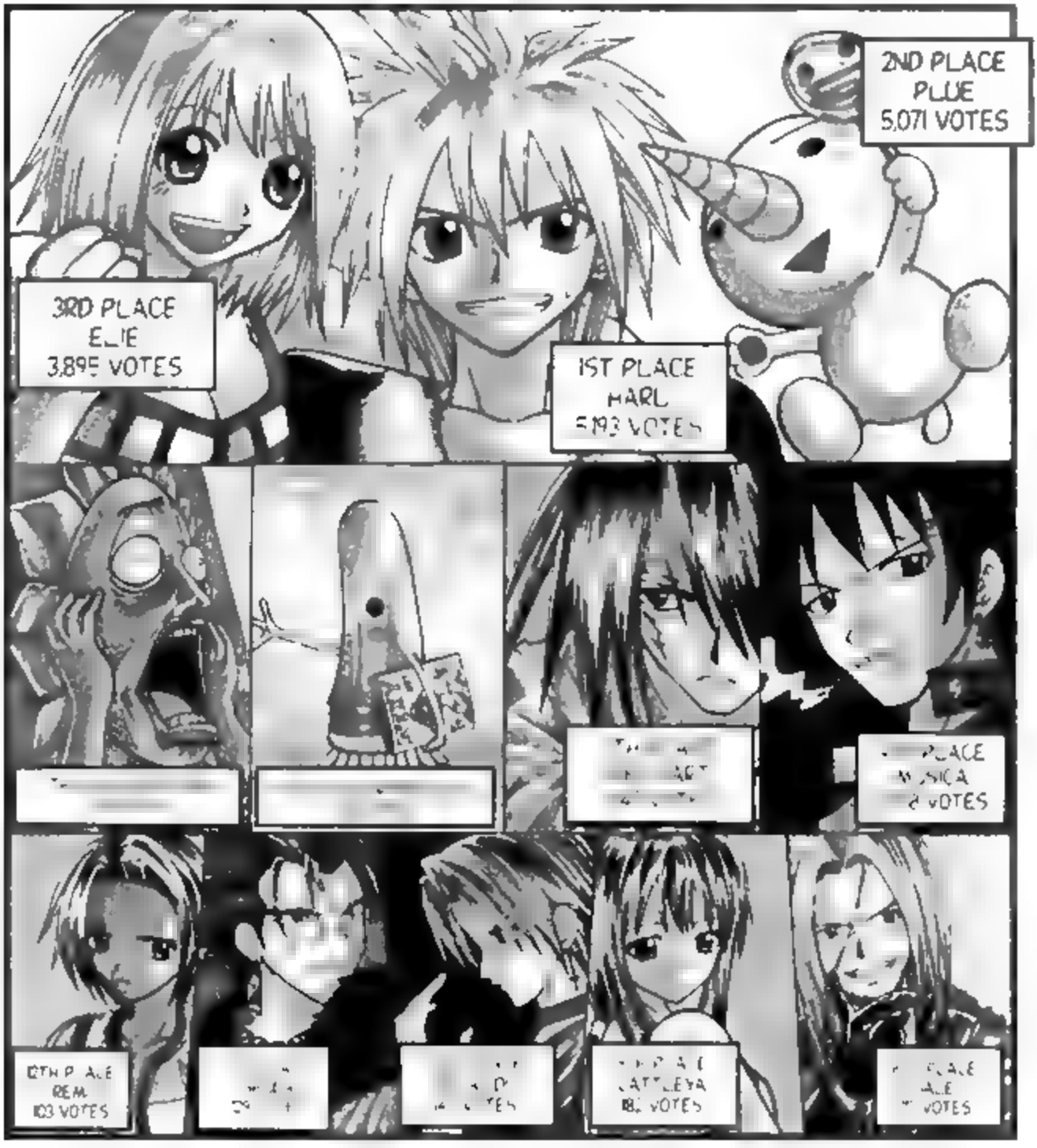
!
EASY PA... YOU'RE HURTING ME. WE'LL BE ARRESTING KING, JUST LIKE I PROMISED. YOU NEVER SAID ANYTHING ABOUT THE OTHERS.

GLOOO



RAVE:66 AT THE EDGE OF HATE

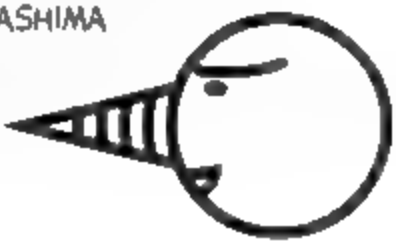
The results are in for the first character popularity ranking! (Japanese readers)



And to all those characters who didn't make it, there's always next time!

22 -- ROSA
23 -- JIGGLE BUTT GANG
24 -- GENMA
25 -- SHIGE
26 -- DR SCHNEIDER
27 -- DEERHOUND
28 -- NUMBERMAN 5
29 -- MIKAN
30 -- RIZE

13 -- TANCHIMO
14 -- REINA
15 -- KOMEKICHI
16 -- MELODIA
17 -- HIRO MASHIMA
18 -- GO
19 -- JEGAN
20 -- SHIBA
21 -- FUA



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WHY DID IT HAVE TO END UP LIKE THIS?
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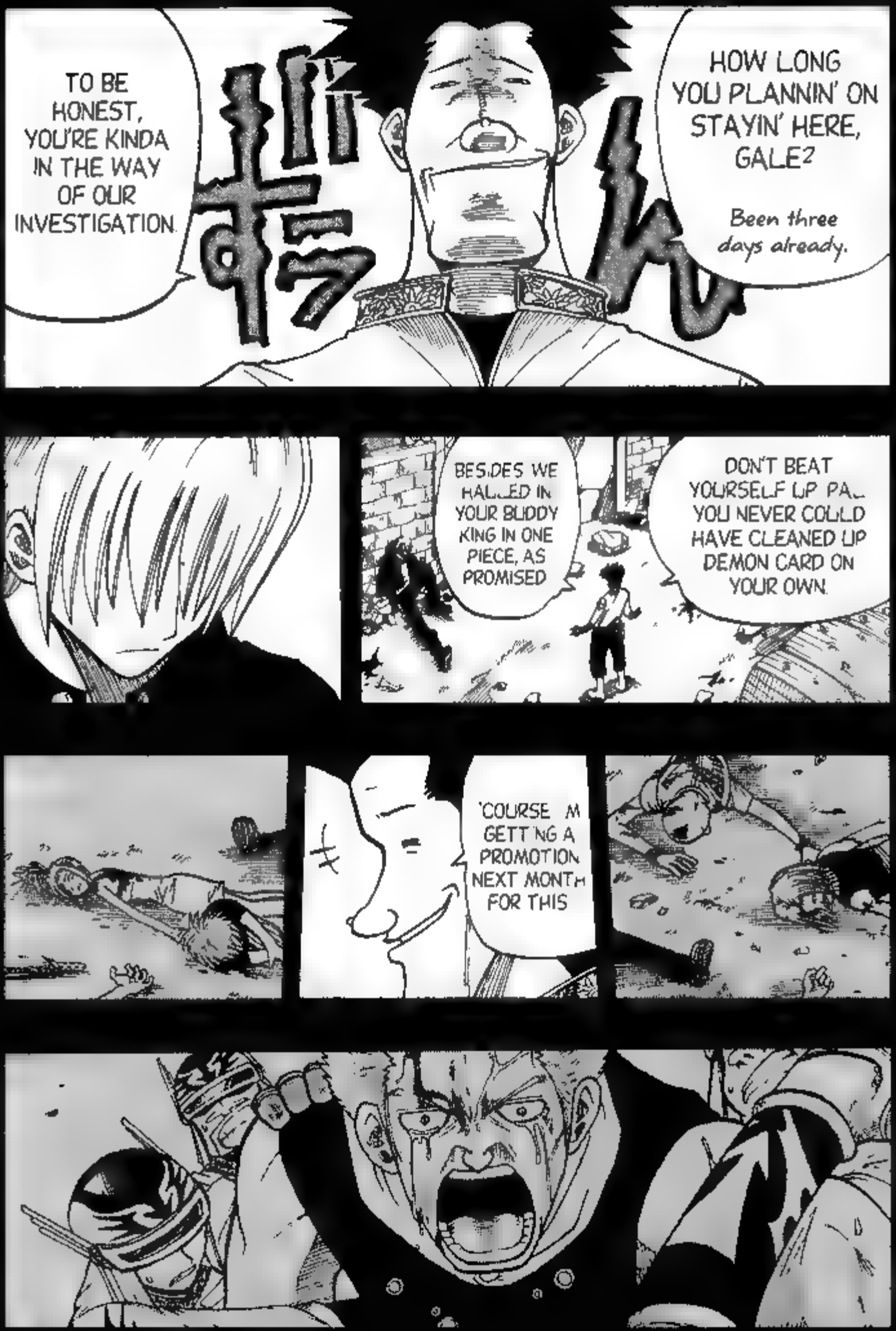

TO BE HONEST, YOU'RE KINDA IN THE WAY OF OUR INVESTIGATION.
HOW LONG YOU PLANNIN' ON STAYIN' HERE, GALE?
Been three days already.
BESIDES WE HALVED IN YOUR BUDDY KING IN ONE PIECE, AS PROMISED
DON'T BEAT YOURSELF UP PAL. YOU NEVER COULD HAVE CLEANED UP DEMON CARD ON YOUR OWN.
'COURSE I'M GETTING A PROMOTION NEXT MONTH FOR THIS

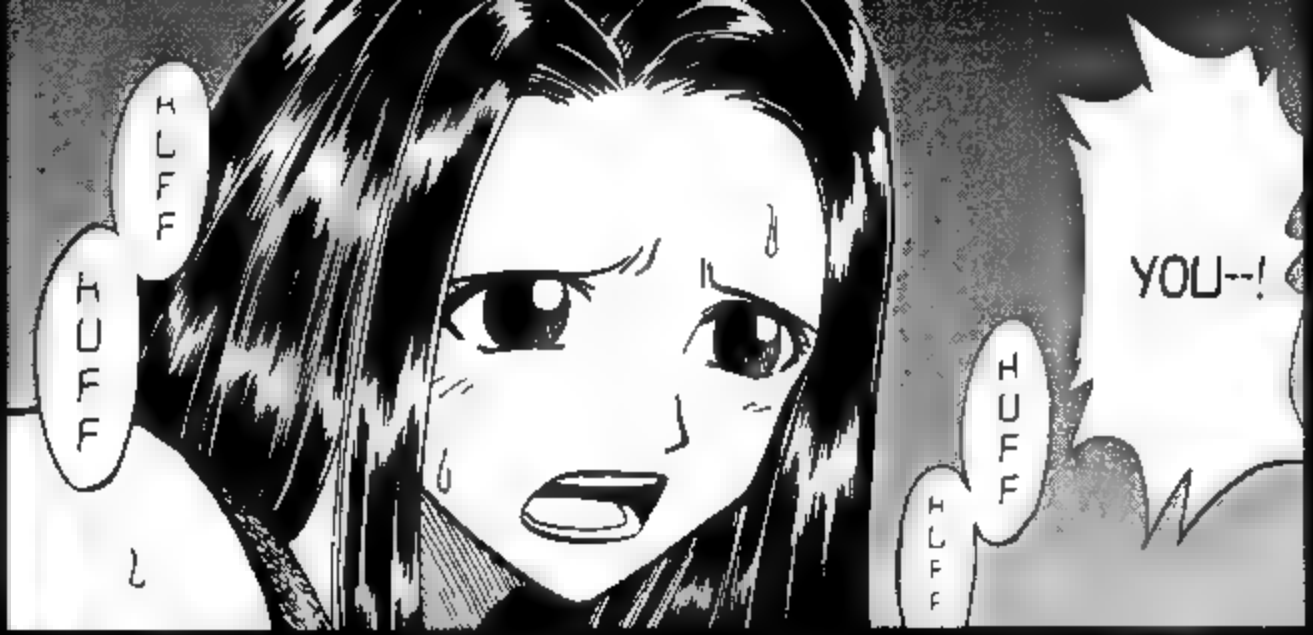
AND THE BRASS UPSTAIRS ARE ON MY CASE ABOUT BRINGING HIM IN TOO.
BY THE WAY...THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE ONE MORE DEMON CARD FOUNDER AT LARGE.
GALE.
NOW COME BACK WITH ME QUIETLY AND NO ONE GETS HURT

GMP!
GWAAAH
WH WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE ?
YOU SHOULD BE LOCKED UP..IN A CELL.. RIGHT NOW !
YOU UNDERES T MATE THE POWER OF DARK BRING
NO JAIL CELL CAN HOLD ME

KING...
ALL THIS TIME
GLORY... LOOKS LIKE I WAS WRONG ALL ALONG

...I WAS MEANT TO RULE DEMON CARD ALONE!

AFTER ALL, I HAVE THE DEMON BLOOD OF RAREGROOVE COURSING THROUGH MY VEINS.
GWAAAAAAH!!
YOU OPENED MY EYES TO TH S. GLORY AND YOU'LL BE THE FIRST TO TASTE MY WRATH!
SOLITUDE" AND A HEART THAT THIRSTS FOR VENGEANCE! THAT'S THE FUEL THAT DRIVES ME!"
FRIENDS FAMILY THEY'RE NOT MEANT FOR THE LIKES OF ME
GUWAAAH!!
!!
GAAAH!
STOP!!
I--IT'S NOT.. LIKE THAT...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF


HUFF
HUFF
YOU--!
HUFF
HUFF

JUST HAPPENED TO HEAR ABOUT THIS PLACE FROM AN IMPERIAL OFFICER
FOR THE PAST MONTH I'VE BEEN TRAVELING ALL OVER, LOOKING FOR YOU.

AKIRA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

DON'T DO IT!! KING!!

Heh!

ST-- STAY AWAY!!
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON HERE? AND WHY... WHY ARE YOU HURT SO BAD?!

IT'S
TOO LATE FOR ME
JUST LEAVE SAKURA-- JUST LEAVE SAKURA OUT OF THIS!!
JUST --!!
I'LL DO ANY-THING!!
!
YOUR BLOOD MAY BE CURSED, BUT YOUR HEART IS HUMAN!
SAKURA!!
SAKURA!! RUN!!
HURRY!!
M RIGHT HERE, RIGHT BY YOUR SIDE
IT'S OKAY.
NO!!
GLORY I WILL SHOW YOU THE PAIN OF LOSING EVERYTHING YOU LOVE
DON'T DO IT!! PLEASE!!

I
MY LOVE

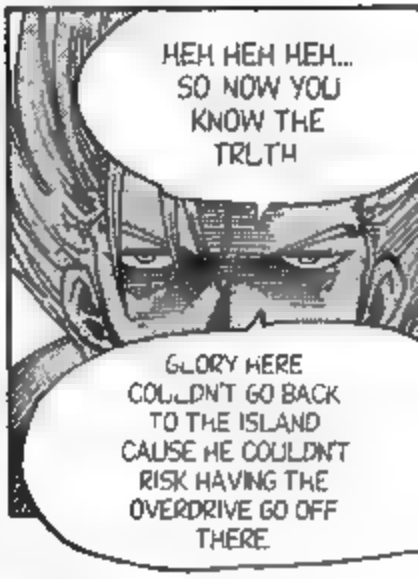
I WAS SO HAPPY WITH YOU
SAKURA...
AND THIS DARK BRING, END OF EARTH, IS WHY.
YOU ARE GOING TO LIVE IN A WORLD OF LONELINESS, JUST LIKE ME.
ROUGH, ISN'T T, LOSING YOUR FAMILY?
BLT NO, THAT'S STILL NOT ENOUGH.

AND 'M GOING TO BURY IT INS DE YOLR BODY
THIS DB WILL BRING ABOLT ANOTHER OVER DRIVE
YOU WILL SUFFER. . WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR WHAT YOU D'D
EVEN DEATH WOULD BE TOO LENIENT A PUN SH MENT
IF YOL DON'T WANT TO TAKE ANYONE ELSE OUT WITH YOU WHEN IT HAPPENS, JUST STAY BY YOLR SELF
JLST REMEMBER GLORY THE OVERDRIVE COULD GO OFF INSIDE YOU AT ANY TIME
WHEN THAT DAY COMES WILL SHOW YOL SUFFERING AS YOU'VE NEVER KNOWN BEFORE.
DON'T WORRY I WILL KILL YOU.
MAY YOU LIVE, AND LOSE EVERY-THING YOU HAVE.

SO I SPENT TEN LONG YEARS IN THE DESERT, FIGHTING WITH LONELINESS THE FEAR OF THE OVERDRIVE.

I THOUGHT ABOUT WRITING YOU GUYS A LETTER, BUT I COULDN'T FIND THE RIGHT WORDS TO SAY
AFTER THAT, I SENT SAKURA'S BODY BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND

FOR TEN LONG YEARS.
THAT POOR, PATHETIC, LONELY MAN--WANDERING THE UNINHABITED WASTELANDS OF THE WORLD, AFRAID OF THE TICKING TIME BOMB IN HIS HEAD


HEH HEH HEH... SO NOW YOU KNOW THE TRUTH
GLORY HERE COULDN'T GO BACK TO THE ISLAND CAUSE HE COULDN'T RISK HAVING THE OVERDRIVE GO OFF THERE.

THIS WAS ALL MY FAULT.

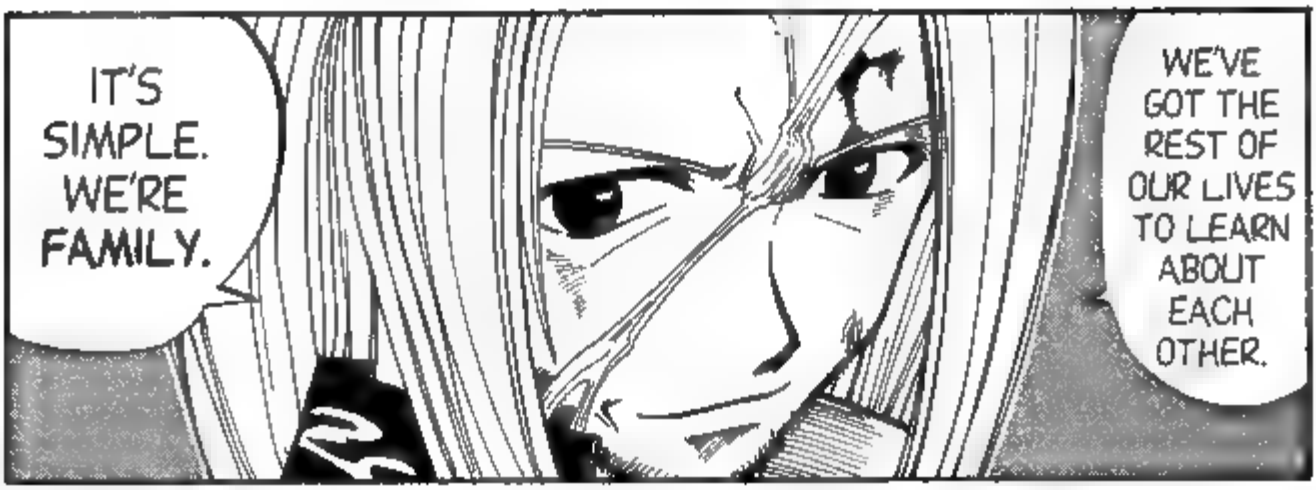
HARU.. SORRY ABOUT EVERY-THING..
すぅ...

BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THOSE YEARS OF SOLITUDE WERE FOR NOTHING. I HAD NO IDEA THAT THE END OF EARTH DB WASN'T EVEN COMPLETE YET

END OF EARTH FINISHED FORMING JUST NOW
YES, YOU NEVER WERE VERY BRIGHT

MUST BE QUITE A SHOCK LEARNING OF ALL THIS ALL AT ONCE, EH, KID?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF MY OLD MAN'S ALIVE OR NOT
I DON'T NEED HIM ANYWAY I'LL PROTECT MY SISTER ON MY OWN.
I DON'T NEED A STUPID DAD! NOT AS LONG AS I GOT YOU HERE, SIS.
.. SUCH A FOOL.
I'VE BEEN...
!
C'MON OUT HERE
YOU STUPID OLD MAN!!

I HAD NO IDEA, DAD...
I'M SORRY...
HIC
HIC
SNIFFLE


IT'S SIMPLE. WE'RE FAMILY.
WE'VE GOT THE REST OF OUR LIVES TO LEARN ABOUT EACH OTHER.

HMPH.
STOP ALREADY!!
QUIT CRYING, DANG IT!!
UUGH...
AAAH!

I'VE BEEN WAITING A LONG TIME FOR THIS DAY.
NOW THEN.. LET'S CONTINUE THIS FIGHT, SHALL WE?

NO CRYING!!
UGH..... QUIT CRYING!

!!
UWAAAAAAAAAH!!
HARU
PUUN

YOU MONSTER!!

I KILLED YOUR MOTHER

HEH HEH HEH YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO HATE ME KID AFTER ALL...

HE PUSHED

KING TO THE GROUND

HAH!!

BUT YOU WERE WRONGED TOO!
I'M SICK OF ALL THIS FIGHTING!!!
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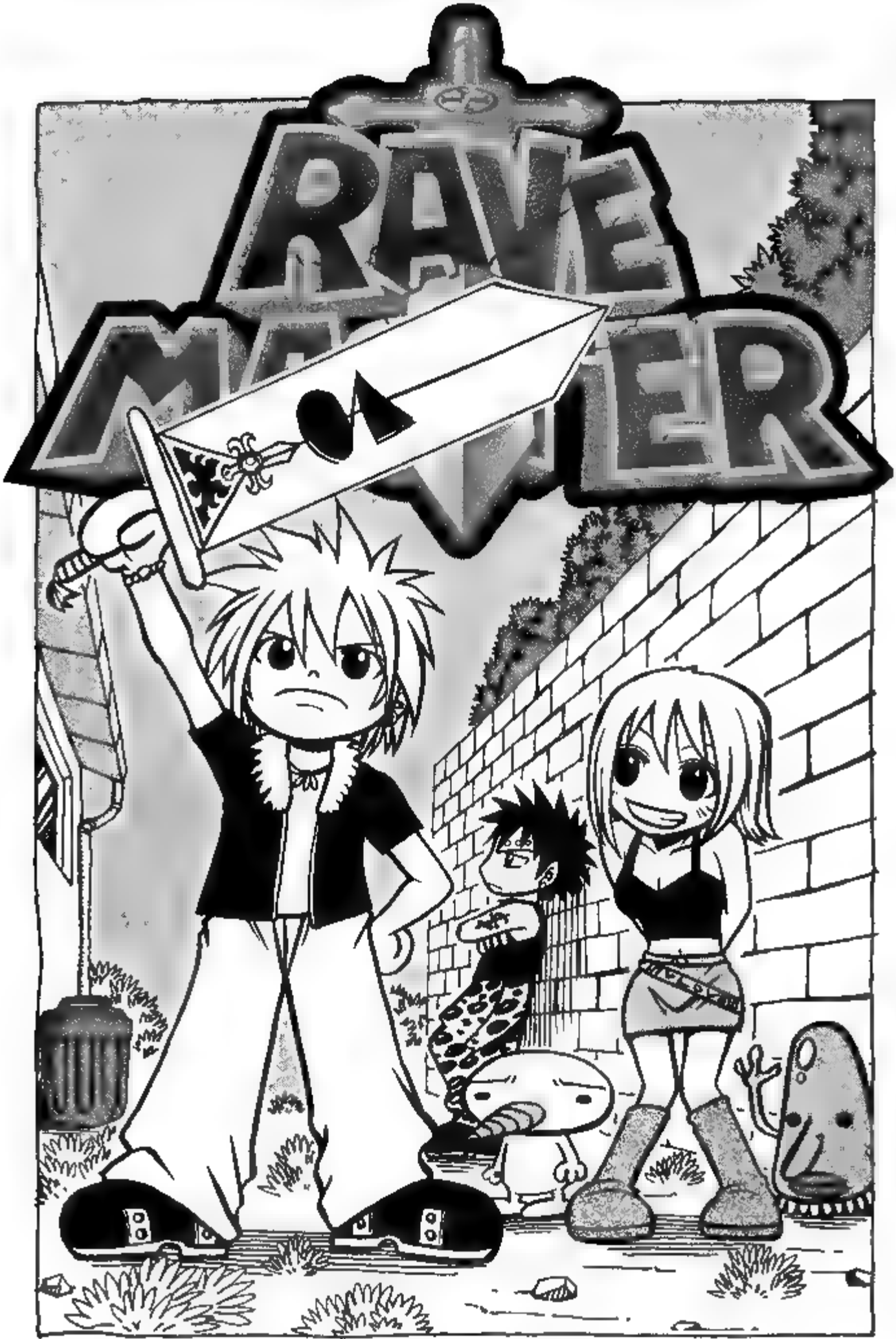

RAVE:67 A REASON TO FIGHT

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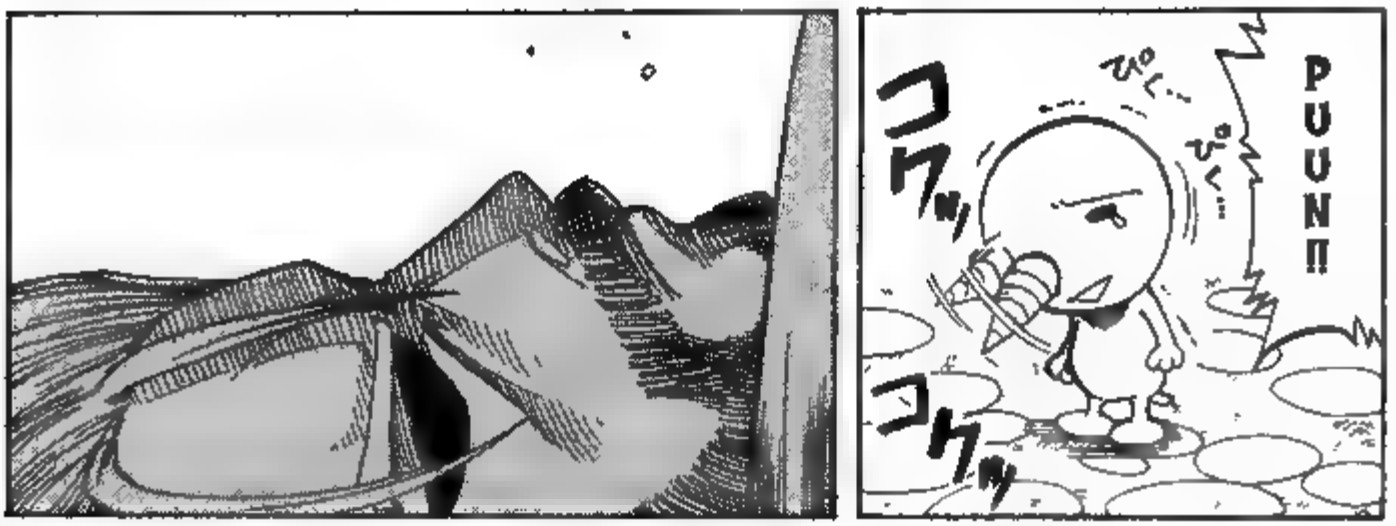
BUT YOU WERE WRONGED TOO!

I'M SICK OF ALL THIS FIGHTING!!


PUUN!!

!
YOU STUPID LITTLE... BRAT!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ?!

OUR FATE IS ALREADY DECIDED. GLORY AND I--NO--
RIGHT AND WRONG, THOSE THINGS DON'T MATTER. WE HAVE NO CHOICE.
UGH!
ズザアア
...THE BLOOD OF RAREGROOVE AND THE BLOOD OF SYMPHONIA ARE DESTINED TO ALWAYS BE AT ODDS.
...EVEN THOUGH THE REAL REASON IS JUST THAT YOU'RE SAD AND IN PAIN?
SO YOU'RE GOING TO STAND THERE AND LET THIS MADNESS CONTINUE AND BLAME IT ALL ON BLOOD AND FATE...

THINK WHAT YOU WANT, SON OF GLORY, BUT YOU BOTH SHALL DIE NOW!!
ENOUGH REMINISCING! FOR FIFTEEN YEARS I'VE WAITED FOR THIS MOMENT!
SAD? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!! I THREW AWAY THOSE WORTHLESS EMOTIONS AGES AGO!!
YES...THAT'S RIGHT. COME AT ME WITH THE ANGER AND THE PAIN CAUSED BY YOUR MOTHER'S DEATH. YOUR HATRED FOR ME WILL MAKE ME EVEN STRONGER.
IF YOU WON'T LISTEN TO REASON, THEN I HAVE NO CHOICE!
NO. I'LL FIGHT!
THAT'S NOT WHY I'M GONNA FIGHT YOU!!
NO!!

ONLY SOMEONE WITH A KIND HEART WHO CAN UNDERSTAND ANOTHER'S PAIN...

I'LL FIGHT TO PUT AN END TO ALL THE FIGHTING.

I'M GOING TO PUT AN END TO THIS, ONCE AND FOR ALL.

...CAN ACHIEVE TRUE STRENGTH.

I SEE IT NOW...

THE WORLD DOESN'T NEED ANY MORE SADNESS THAN IT'S ALREADY GOT.

I CAN SEE WHY YOU DON'T WANT TO FIGHT.

HARU... YOU'RE A GOOD KID.

THIS ENDS NOW!!!
AND THEN I'M GOING BACK HOME TO MY SIS!!!
THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR.
SO CATTLEYA'S ALIVE AND WELL, EH?
I'M JUST GETTING WARMED UP!! ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE READY FOR THIS?
BRING IT ON, KID.

!!
WITH YOUR DEATH, THE BLOODLINE OF SYMPHONIA'S ROYAL FAMILY WILL BE ENDED!
I'M HARU FROM GARAGE ISLAND!!
I DON'T THINK SO!!
!!
FLY!

THE VACUUM SWORD, MEL FORCE!!!

GUWAAH!

I-IT CAN'T BE!!
KUGH
PUUUUN
WHERE'D THAT BLAST COME FROM?
THAT WAS MEL FORCE, THE SIXTH FORM OF THE TEN POWERS!
HOW IS HE ABLE TO USE POWERS FROM MY SWORD THAT I'VE NEVER EVEN SEEN?!
EXPLOSIVE SWORD DANCE!
THIS DOESN'T LOOK GOOD MY BODY'S NUMB AND CAN'T MOVE!
OH NO!!

DESPERADO BOMB!!!
BOOO

HE REALLY IS A MON STER
THIS GUY'S JUST TOO STRONG...
RAVE...

AND I REMEMBER THIS TOWER TOO.
BUT I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER BEEN INSIDE IT
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EVEN BEFORE I SAW THE ONES HARU COLLECTED
..I KNEW I'D SEEN RAVE STONES SOMEWHERE BEFORE.
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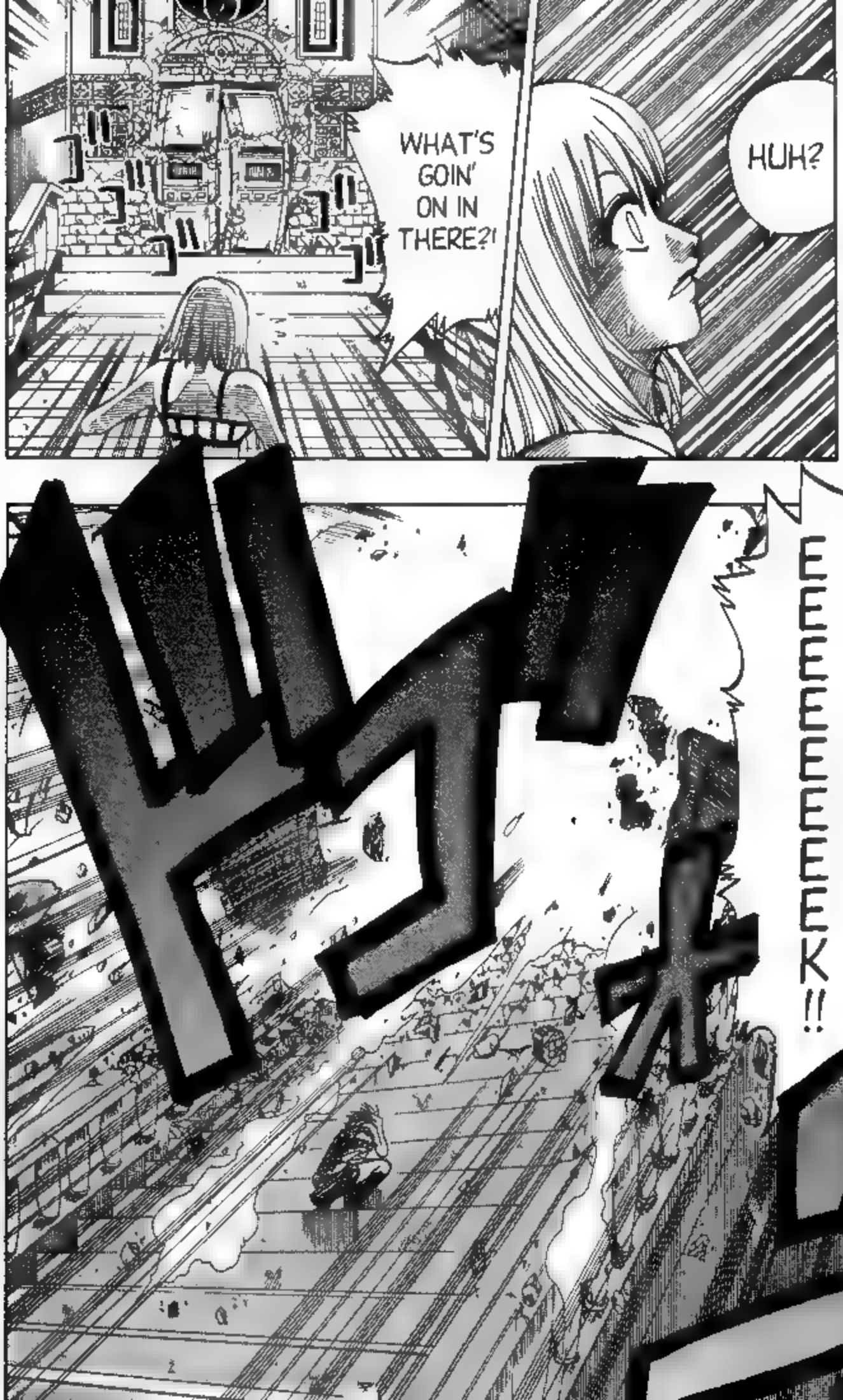
WHAT'S GOIN' ON IN THERE?!
HUH?
EEEEEEEEK!!

HARU!!
!
ELIE ?!!
UWAAH!
KYAAH!
WHAT'S YOUR HAND DOING THERE?
Squish
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
COUGH!
ELIE ...
A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YO-YOU MUST BE HARU'S FATHER, RIGHT? UMMM.. IT-IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU!
GI-GI-GI-GI-GIRL-FRIE--N-NO WAY, MAN!
WELL, WELL... SO THIS IS YOUR GIRL-FRIEND, EH? NOT BAD, KID, NOT BAD

I'M A LITTLE BUSY TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DEFEAT THIS GUY AND PREVENT THE END OF THE WORLD RIGHT NOW.
LET'S SAVE THE INTRODUCTIONS FOR LATER, SHALL WE, MISS?
I'LL HAND IT TO YOU. FATHER AND SON, YOU BOTH HAVE THICK HIDES.
SO YOU'RE STILL BREATHING AFTER THAT LAST BLAST...
!
OH, YEAH! LOOK, LOOK, HARU!!
SO THAT'S KING.
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HERE!

THE RAVE OF COMBAT
.....
THAT'S
!!
WE DID IT!
Bing!
THAT OUGHTA GIVE YOU A NICE BOOST
HEE HEE.
THANKS, DUDE.
SO... YOU CAME ALL THE WAY HERE JUST TO DELIVER THIS TO ME, ELIE?
HOW 'BOUT WE FIND OUT!
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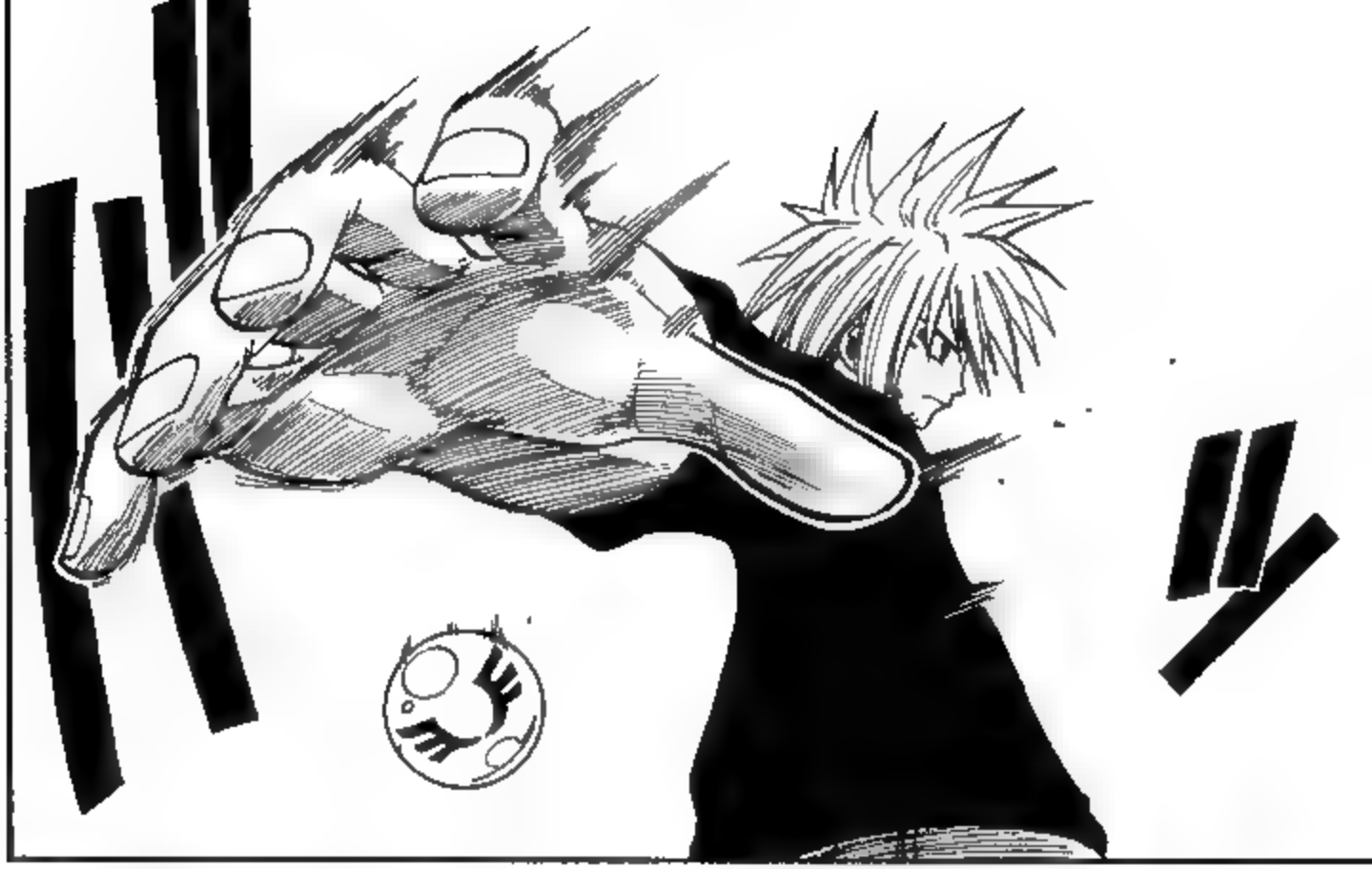
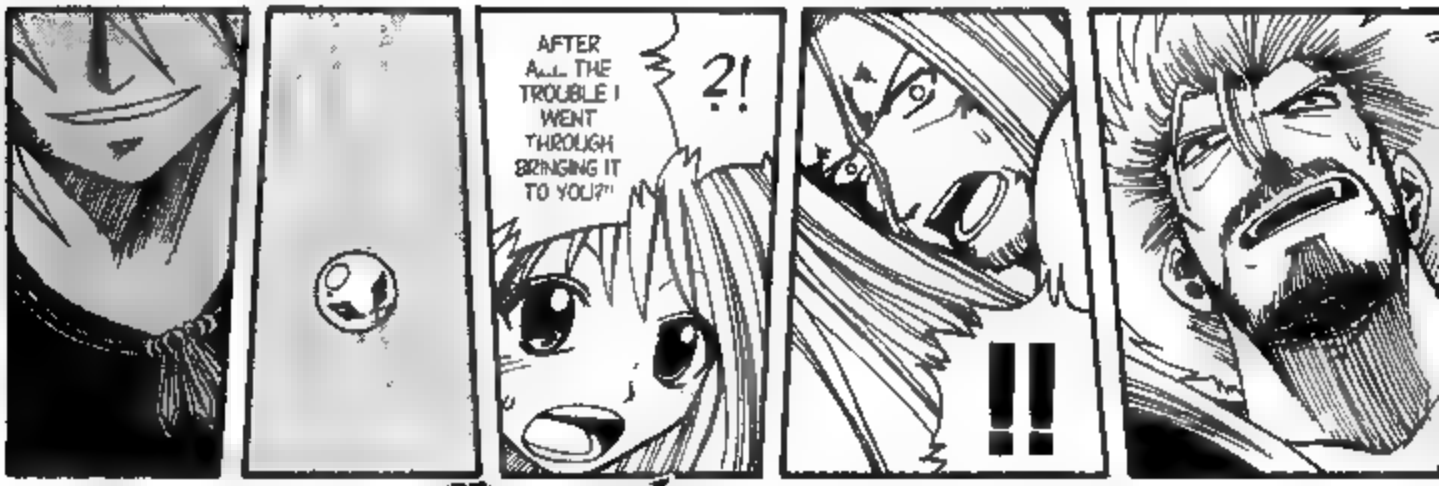
HEH HEH... DO YOU THINK ONE MORE RAVE IS GOING TO GIVE YOU THE POWER TO STOP ME?




AFTER ALL... THE TROUBLE I WENT THROUGH BRINGING IT TO YOU?!
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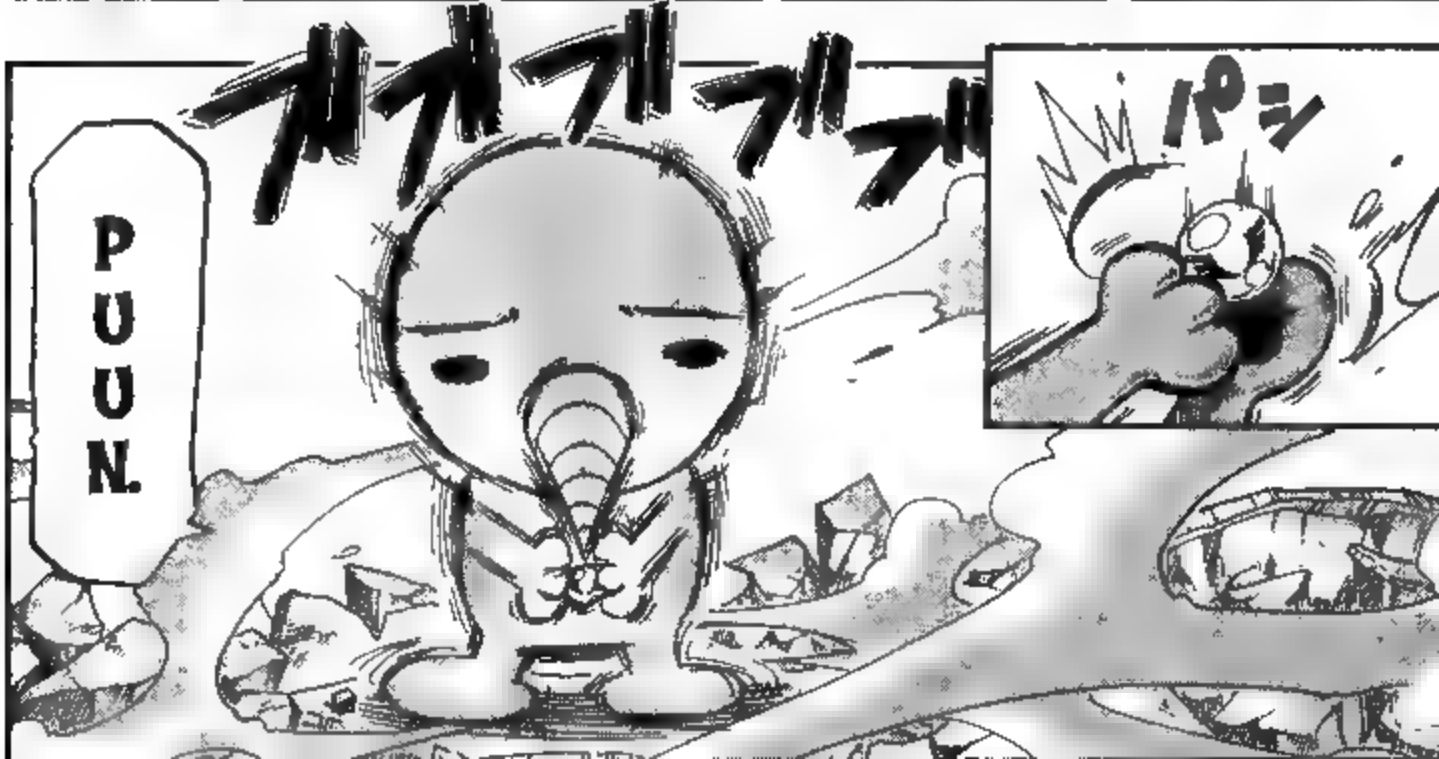
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D-- DON'T TELL ME..
HE'S SHAKIN' LIKE CRAZY!!
WH-- WHAT?! WHAT IS THAT THING ?!

THE RAVE OF COMBAT ...
THAT'S RIGHT.

...GIVES PLUE A POWER BOOST!

PPPZ!

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RAVE MASTER

.....
BUT HE'S A BUG!!
IT'S FOR PLUE?!
WHAT'S THIS?
THERE'S NO WAY THE RAVE OF CONFLICT CAN BE FOR SOME PUNY ANIMAL.
IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE?
!
AND THIS RAVE WAS MADE FOR HIM TO USE.
YOU MEAN YOU DIDN'T KNOW? THIS LITTLE GUY, PLUE-HE'S A RAVE WARRIOR TOO.
PUUN

TRY TO MAKE A FOOL OUT OF ME, WILL YOU?!
I WILL KILL YOU ALL!!
UH, HARU, BOY... I THINK YOUR DOG FELL ASLEEP.

YEAH... JUST TOOK ONE TOO MANY BIG BLOWS
ARE YOU OKAY, MR. HARU'S FATHER?
KUGH...
!
IT MUST BE NICE, HAVING A FAMILY.
THESE BURNS ARE HORRIBLE. I WONDER IF HE WAS TRYING TO PROTECT HARU IN THAT LAST BLAST?

EXPLOSION!!
THAT RAVE DIDN'T INCREASE HIS POWER AT ALL.
DON'T TELL ME THAT THE RAVE OF COMBAT REALLY IS FOR THAT RUNT!!
MY TURN...
SNEER
SNEER

YOU DIE TOO EASILY
YOU DISAP-POINT ME, RAVE MASTER
!
MEL FORCE!
AND NEXT UP SHOULD BE THAT BLAST
THIS AIN'T GOOD ANOTHER HIT FROM THAT SWORD AND
UCH!
WHOA!! WHAT WAS THAT?!

IF HIS NEXT ATTACK IS A DIRECT HIT, WE'RE FINISHED.
IT'S HIS FOLLOW-UP ATTACK I'M WORRIED ABOUT. WE MANAGED TO AVOID THE BRUNT OF THE ATTACK AND STILL TOOK A BEATING.
MEL FORCE.. SO THE BLAST SENDS PEOPLE FLYING AND RENDERS THEM IMMOBILE, HUH?
DANG.. CAN'T.. MOVE..
HOW CAN HE MOVE IN THIS SHOCK WAVE?
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PLUE!! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?!
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!
PUUN
I DON'T THINK SO.
AND THIS SHALL BE THE END.

I'LL ERASE YOU ALL, INCLUDING YOUR PET"
THAT THING AGAIN?! ENOUGH OF YOUR GAMES!
EEEEK!!
HARUUUU!!
EXPLOSIVE SWORD DANCE!
PLUUUUE!!

DESPERADO BOMB!!!
KIN!
WHA--?!

HE DIFFUSED THE EXPLO SION.
PUUN
HE CUT THROUGH THE BLAST?!
!MPOSSIBLE!! HOW COLLD HE STOP MY BLAST?!
PLUE, THAT WAS AWESOME!
NO!!
!
GOOD JOB, PLUE.

THIS IS THE POWER OF THE COMBAT RAVE

!
HARU AND PLUE, WHAT A TAG TEAM!!
THAT'S THE FIRST BLOW THAT'S GOTTEN THROUGH TO KING
I'M NOT THROUGH WITH YOU YET!
GUWAAH!!!

WHY, YOU LITTLE ...!
IT'S WORKING !!
WHA --2!
MEL FORCE!!
IT CAN'T BE!!
SILFARION!!!
GUWOOOOOH!

THAT'S MY BOY..
UGAAH!
BLUE CRIMSON !!
HE'S TURNIN' OUT TO BE QUITE THE HERO IN THE FAMILY.
JUST ONE MORE HIT!
HARU! YOU CAN DO IT!
AND NOW FOR THE...
LOOK AT OUR SON, ALL GROWN UP.
SAKURA... CAN YOU SEE THIS?
...FINAL ATTACK!!

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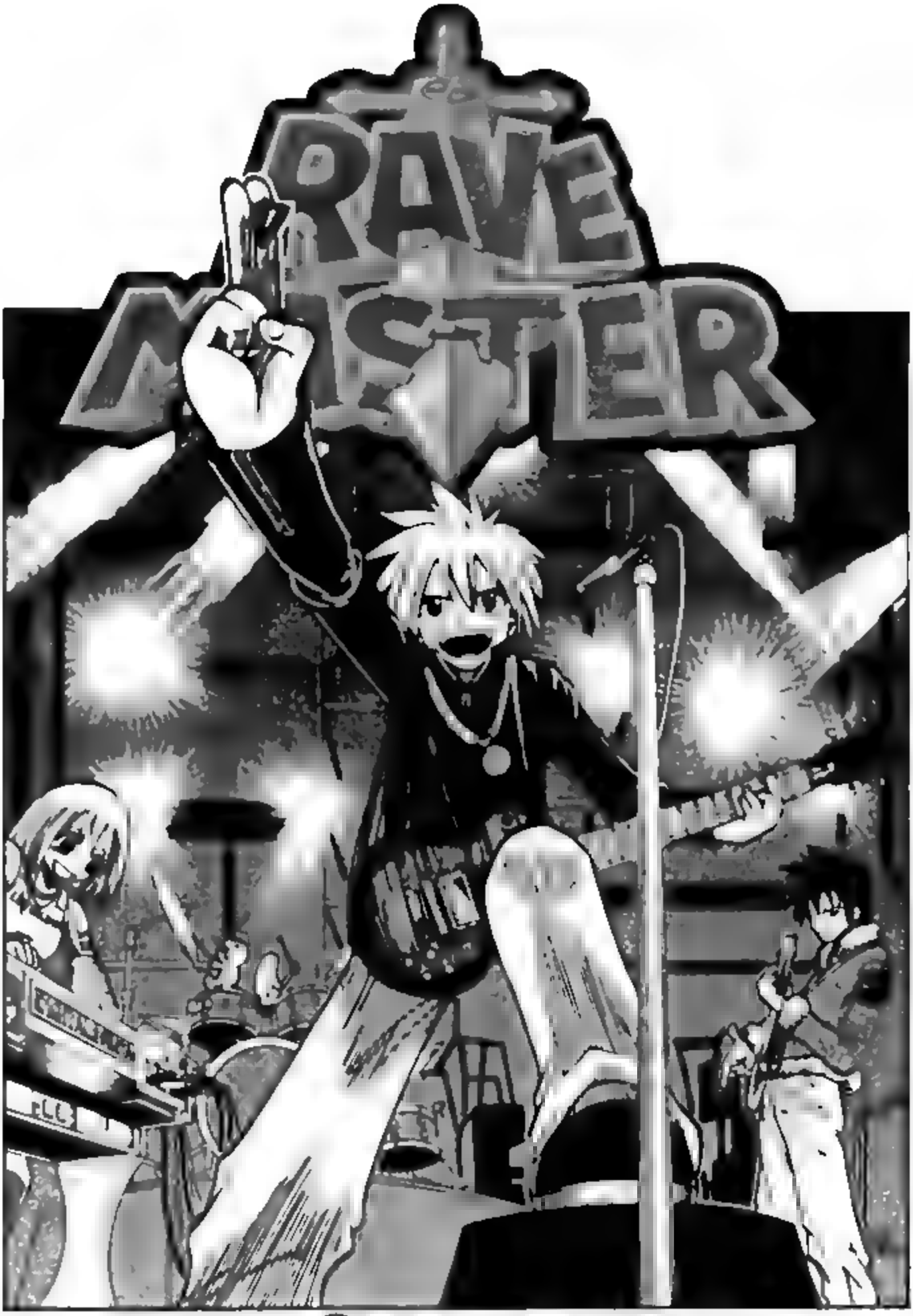
DECALOGUE THE ULTIMATE DARK BRING HOW COULD IT FAIL?

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

WE WON...
SO IT'S FINALLY OVER...
WAY TO GO, HARU!
I DO THIS ALL THE TIME, BUT RIGHT NOW I JUST CAN'T MOVE.
YOU BOTH DID A GREAT JOB, PLUE AND HARU!!
HARU!!
YOU DID IT!!!
PUUN!!

I DON'T THINK I HAVE AN OUNCE OF STRENGTH LEFT
Boy, that was close
!!
NEVER THOUGHT I'D HAVE TO USE THIS BUT
YOU WON'T
GET AWAY WITH THIS

A SECRET DARK BRING?!
...WITH MY SECRET DARK BRING MONSTER PRISON!
I SHALL TURN THIS PLACE INTO A LIVING HELL



RAVE:69 EVIL RUNS RECKLESS

I SHALL TURN THIS PLACE INTO A LIVING HELL...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
...WITH MY SECRET DARK BRING, MONSTER PRISON!
I SHALL CAST MYSELF INTO ETERNAL DARKNESS.
I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A RUMOR.
SECRET DARK BRING?!
WH-- WHAT IS A SECRET DARK BRING, ANYWAY?!
DON'T DO IT, MAN!! IT'S NOT WORTH IT!!
NO, KING!! STOP!!
IN OTHER WORDS, ONCE IT ACTIVATES, ITS POWER WILL GROW UNCHECKED!
UNLIKE NORMAL DB, SECRET DARK BRING ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTROL.

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THAT'S RIGHT
IT SEALS THE USER'S BODY AND SOUL WITHIN A MONSTER PRISON FOR ALL ETERNITY!
INSIDE ?!
INSIDE THE DARK BRING?
HUFF
AND MY POWER WILL GROW AS WELL... FROM INSIDE!
HUFF
HUFF
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YOU SCOUNDRELS ...
YOU SCOUNDRELS HAVE LEFT ME NO CHOICE
YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO COME BACK
KING, HAVE YOU GONE MAD?!
DON'T DO IT, KING!!
YOU SCOUNDRELS HAVE ALREADY PLUNGED ME INTO THE DARKNESS !!!

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FAREWELL, GLORY!
AND FAREWELL TO MYSELF AS WELL!

YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THIS, MAN.
WH-WHAT'S THAT THING?!
WHY'D YOU HAVE TO THROW AWAY YOUR SOUL?!
HUGHF
HUGHF
...AND YET YOU GO AND DO THIS.
ALL I WANTED TO DO WAS STOP YOU...
AW, SNAP! RIGHT AFTER I USED UP ALL MY STRENGTH TOO... WHO'D HAVE GUESSED HE'D GET ANOTHER BOOST OF POWER?

SO NOW, MORE THAN EVER, I KNOW I HAVE TO STOP YOU.
KING.. I GUESS YOUR MIND'S ALREADY GONE, SO REASONING WITH YOU WON'T WORK.
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THIS IS INSANE!
THAT FREAK'S GOING TO DESTROY THE WHOLE TOWER!
CAN'T YOU CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF THAT BEAM, LIKE YOU DID WITH THE EXPLOSION?!
PLUE !!
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN. PLUE'S POWER BOOST ONLY WORKS FOR A LIMITED TIME.
SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
AWWW, NEVER MIND!
SHRIVEL

WE HAVE TO STOP HIM, NO MATTER WHAT THE COST.
WE CAN'T GIVE UP NOW! WE GIVE IT WHAT WE'VE GOT!

HA
RIGHT BESIDE YA!!
LET'S DO THIS, HARU!!

I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT!!

BUT HOW? THEY'RE BOTH BARELY ALIVE AS IT IS..
THEY CAN HARDLY STAND, LET ALONE FIGHT

GAAAAAH!
HOW CAN HE DO THAT?!
HE BLOCKED THAT WITH HIS BARE HANDS?!
NO WAY!!

HOW IN THE-?
!!
GUWAAH!
HARU!!
……
GUU…

STOP!!
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GET AWAY FROM MY BOY!!
KING!!!
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HEY, MISS.
YE-- YES?
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HE DOESN'T BLEED?!
ドロ..
KING...
HE'S NOT EVEN HUMAN ANY-MORE!
HUFF
HUFF
UGH

JUST DO IT!!

!
UH... BUT..
TAKE HARU AND GET OUTTA HERE.

GUGAHH...

I'M SORRY FOR YELLING. PLEASE, JUST GET HIM OFF THIS TOWER, ALL RIGHT? I'LL BE FINE. I'VE GOT ONE LAST TRICK UP MY SLEEVE.

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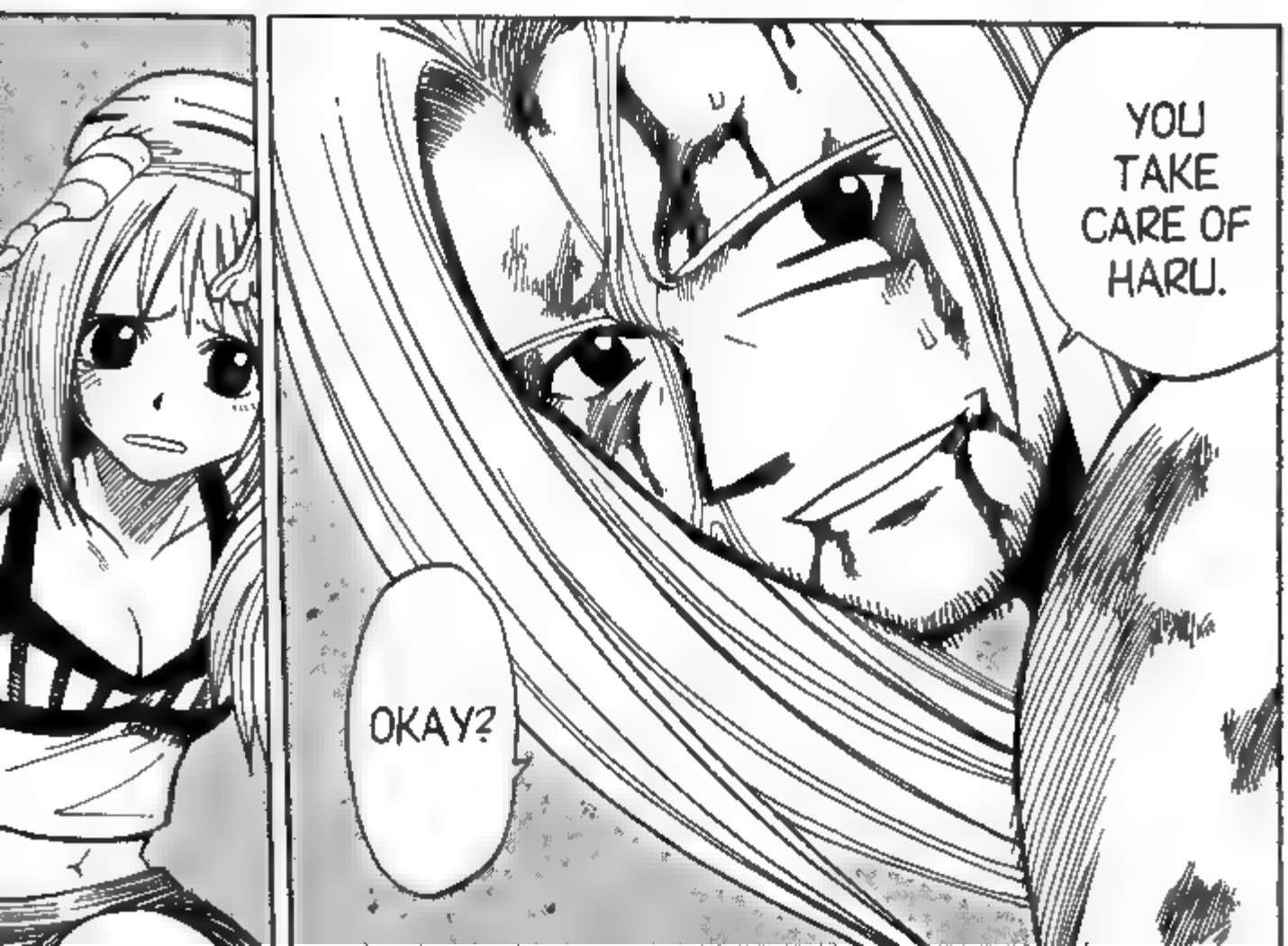
HARU'S IN NO SHAPE FOR FIGHTING ANYWAY.
SO I'D HELP A LOT IF YOU COULD GET HIM OUTTA HERE SO HE DOESN'T GET HURT EVEN MORE FROM WHAT I'M ABOUT TO DO
BU-BUT YOU CAN'T WIN BY YOURSELF
!
AND, MISS
ALL RIGHT


YOU TAKE CARE OF HARU.
OKAY?

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF DYING. CAUSE IF I DIE, WE'VE GOT AN OVERDRIVE ON OUR HANDS.
HEHE.

PLEASE COME BACK ALIVE!
PLEASE!!

SO THERE'S NO WAY I'LL LET MYSELF DIE.

GUROOAKKKN!

HOW IN THE WORLD DID WE LET THINGS END UP LIKE THIS, ANY-WAY?

NOW.. I'LL PUT YOU OUT OF YOUR MISERY ...
YOU HAD TO DO IT— HAD TO TURN YOURSELF INTO THAT THING.

SECRET BLADE OF THE HEAVENS, SYNCHRONIZED AIR SLASH!!
YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE SKY TO USE THIS MOVE, AND YOU CAN ONLY DO IT ONCE.
KING...
THE FINAL STRIKE.
FEEL THE POWER OF THE HEAVENS !!!
GUOOOOAAH!!

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DEMON EXTERMI-NATION?
YOU TOOK OUT THAT DEMON THAT WAS ATTACKING THE TOWN IN THE FLASH OF AN EYE, RIGHT? YOU'D BE PERFECT FOR THIS JOB!"
I EVEN QUIT MY JOB WITH THE EMPIRE TO START THIS DEMON EXTERMINATION GIG, DEMON GUARD
EXACTLY! WE'LL PROTECT THE PEOPLE FROM DEMONS! WE'LL CALL IT "DEMON GUARD"
DEMON
D'AGH! AFTER I STAYED UP ALL NIGHT PAINTING IT TOO!
Bing!
DEMONCARD
UMM... HOLD ON A SEC, THERE... THIS SAYS "DEMON CARD."
LET'S DO THIS!" YOU AND ME, DEMON GUARD!"
AND YOU AND ME, WE COULD BE PARTNERS!
A DEMON'S BEEN SPOTTED OUT ON RANGLER PLAINS
IT'S ON.
ALL RIGHT! I FINALLY GOT OUR FIRST JOB!"

SO THERE'S NOTHING I CAN SAY TO CHANGE YOUR MIND?
SORRY GUESS I'M JUST NOT CUT OUT FOR THIS TEAM WORK STUFF
WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO? WE'VE GOT TOO MANY MEN TO FEED TO BE PICKY ABOUT WHAT JOBS WE TAKE NOW
WHY'D YOU GO AND TAKE AN ASSASSINATION JOB? AND WITHOUT DISCUSSING IT WITH ME FIRST E THER!
KING...
BUT I KNOW I CAN TRUST YOU TO TAKE CARE OF EVERY-THING.
IF I CAN JUST ..CUT THROUGH... THE MONSTER PRISON... THIS COULD ALL BE OVER!
I DON'T... HAVE... THE STRENGTH...
POP
POP
GRAAAH
LET'S FINISH THIS, ONCE AND FOR ALL!

HARU!!

LET'S END THIS, DAD!!

RIGHT ON!

GUESS HE CAN'T JUST WALK AWAY.

THAT'S FAMILY FOR YA.

ONE MORE..

ONE MORE STRIKE!

IT'S ALMOST OVER, KING.

BUT WE CAN DO IT TOGETHER !!

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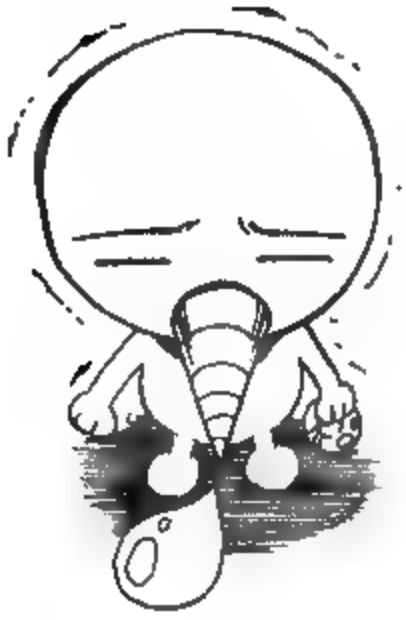
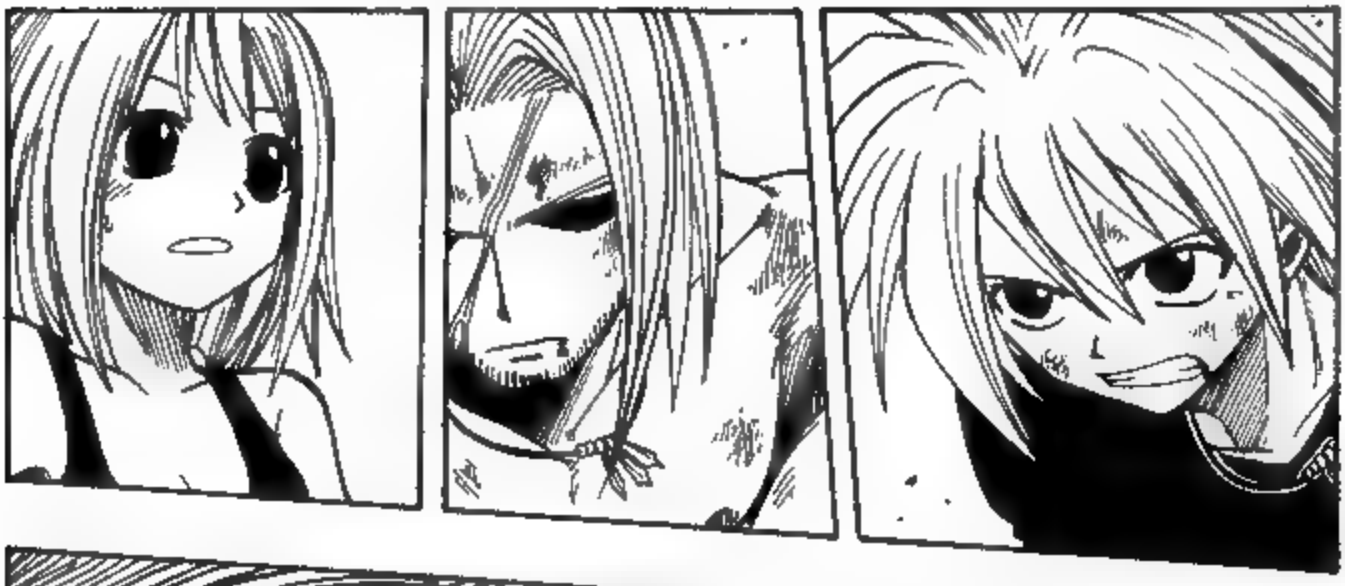
AND WE WIN!!



RAVE:70 JUDGE OF "TIME"



HUFF
HUFF
GAAAH!!
DAD... SO IT'S FINALLY OVER, HUH?
SHALL WE HEAD HOME?
YEAH
.....
YEAH..

HUFF
HUFF
KUGH
SO.. STILL HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH, HUH?
NO WAY!
!
HUFF
HUFF
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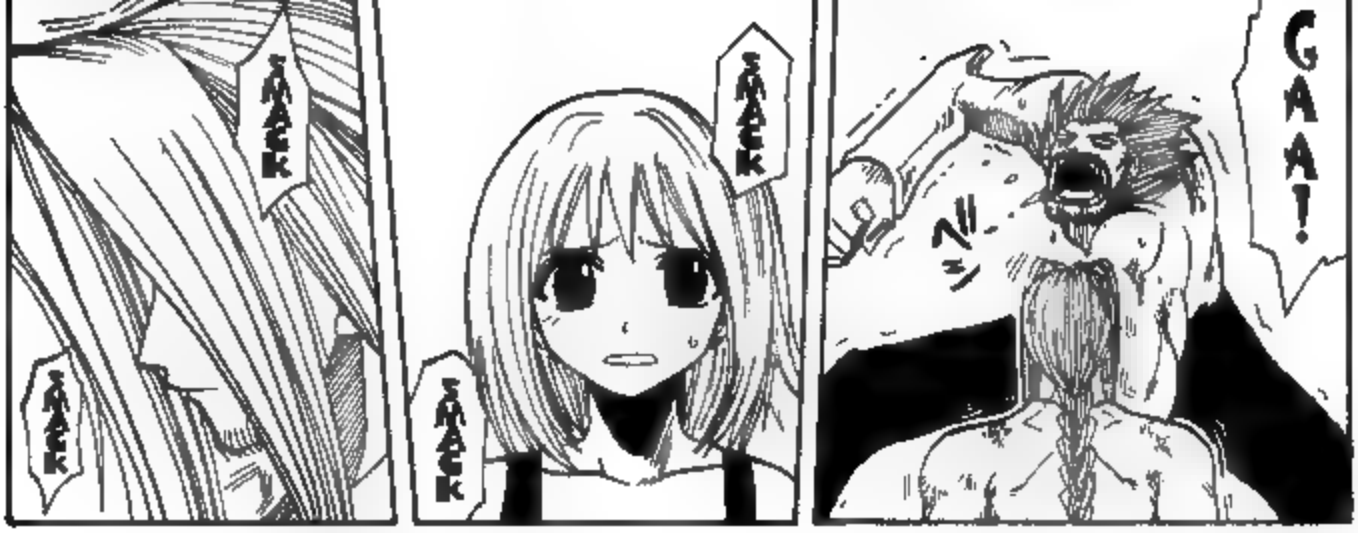
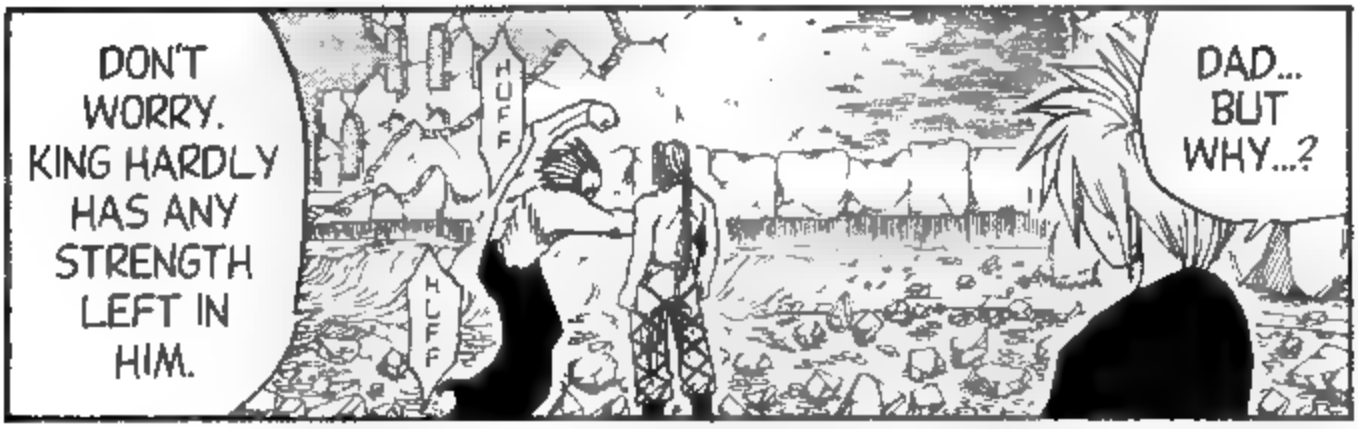
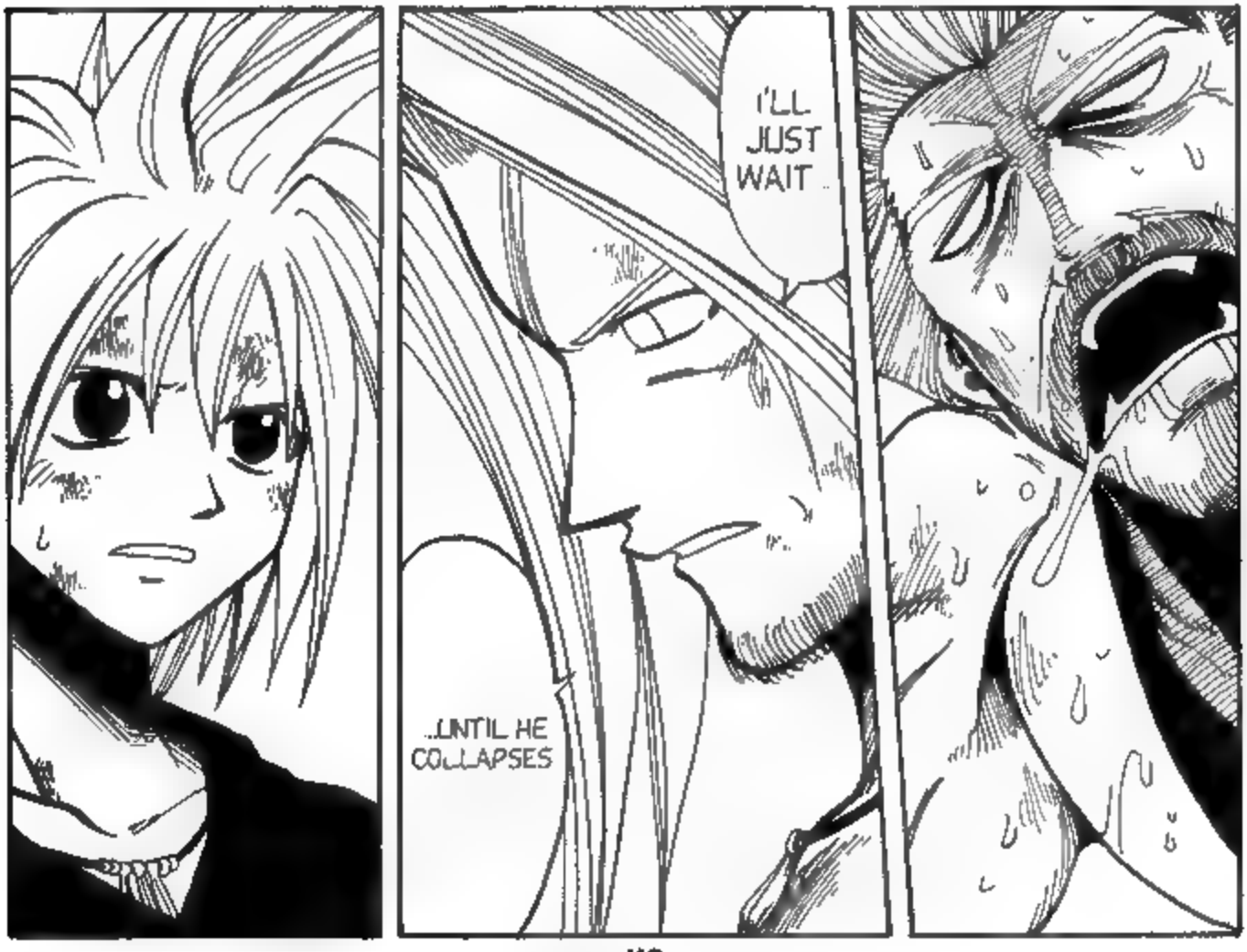
!
HE STILL HASN'T REALIZED HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY FIGHT LEFT IN HIS BODY.

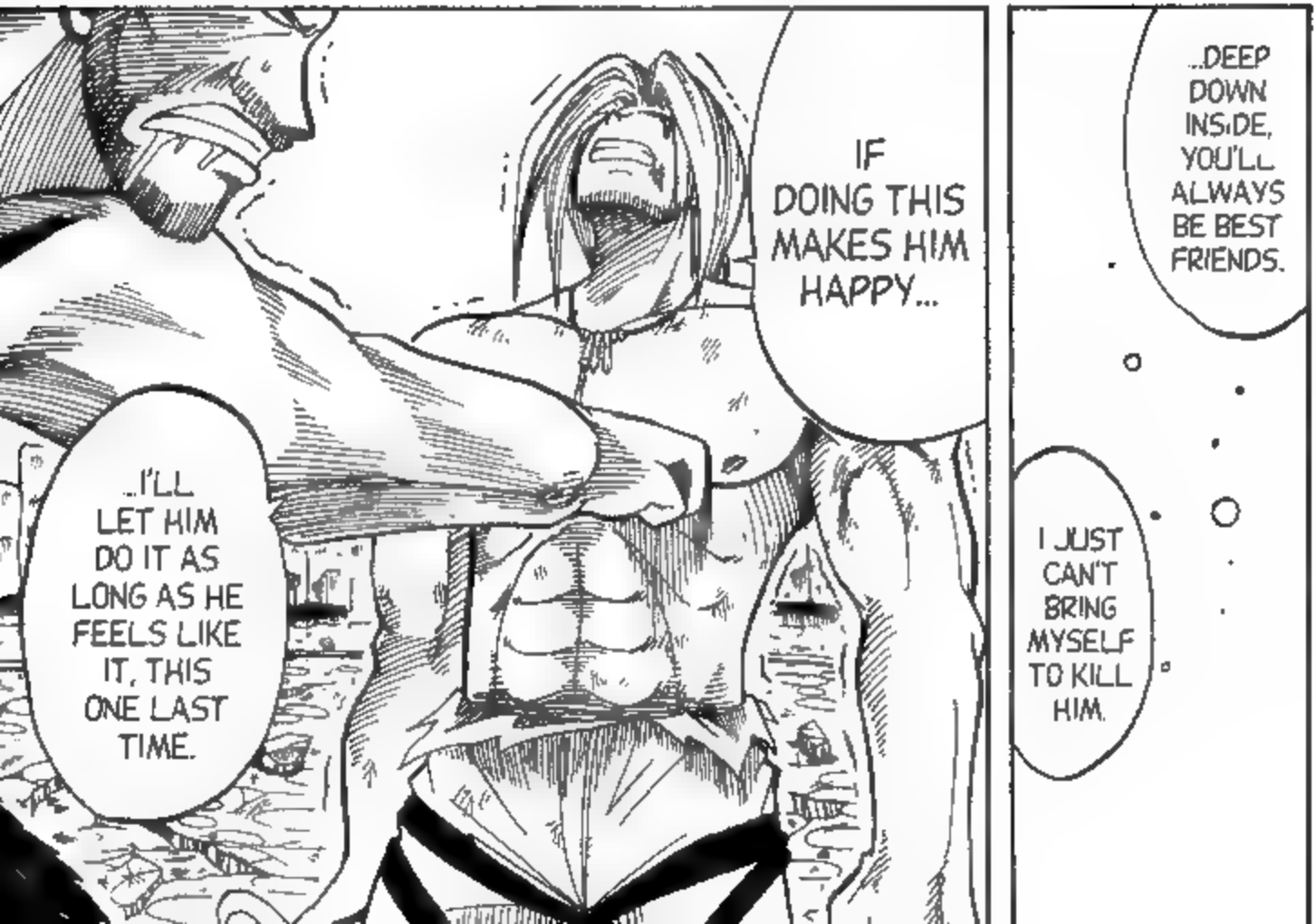
HUFF
HE'S GOING TO FINISH HIM OFF.
HUFF
HUFF
DAD.
GRAAH!
NO...
LOOK OUT!!


SMACK
SMACK
SMACK
GAA!


DON'T WORRY. KING HARDLY HAS ANY STRENGTH LEFT IN HIM.
HUFF
HUFF
DAD... BUT WHY...?


I'LL JUST WAIT
..UNTIL HE COLLAPSES

FOR TEN YEARS I HATED HIM FOR IT
I WANTED NOTHING MORE THAN TO KILL HIM WITH MY OWN TWO HANDS.
KING KILLED MY WIFE, AND ON TOP OF THAT, HE LEFT ME ALONE, UNABLE TO SEE MY KIDS.
IT'S NOT HOW MUCH TIME YOU SPEND TOGETHER, LAUGHING, ENJOYING LIFE THAT MATTERS.
ONCE YOU'RE BEST FRIENDS, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU GROW TO HATE EACH OTHER, DETEST EACH OTHER...
BUT YOU KNOW YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE THIS
...BUT I STILL THINK OF HIM AS MY BEST FRIEND


IF DOING THIS MAKES HIM HAPPY...
...I'LL LET HIM DO IT AS LONG AS HE FEELS LIKE IT, THIS ONE LAST TIME.
...DEEP DOWN INSIDE, YOU'LL ALWAYS BE BEST FRIENDS.
I JUST CAN'T BRING MYSELF TO KILL HIM.

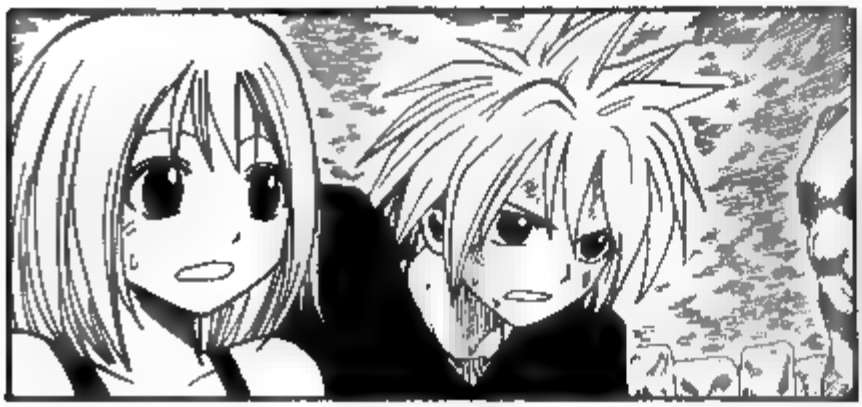
...
COUGH
COUGH
BLOOD?!
GAAH!!
IT'S NOT--
IT'S.. NOT OVER YE--
YOU FOOL...
HUFF
GLOR!
COUGH
HUFF
HUFF
!
GEHUGH!
COUGH
SO YOU'RE BACK? BACK FROM THE CONTROL OF THAT SECRET OB?

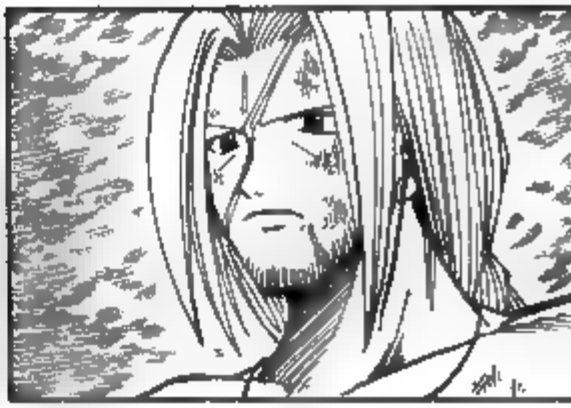
KING
ドス!
THAT'S WHY I BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER, IN CASE SOMETHING LIKE THIS EVER HAPPENED
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HEH HEH HEH... BACK AT DEMON CARD HEADQUARTERS, I STILL HAVE THE REMAINING ORACION SIX. THOSE FIVE ARE SO POWERFUL, THEY MAKE THE FIVE PALACE GUARDIANS LOOK LIKE CHUMPS.
HARU!
I DON'T BELIEVE T
HUFF
BY USING MY FIFTH DB, **WARP ROAD**, I CAN SUMMON THEM IN AN INSTANT, ANY TIME I WANT
HUFF
THIS DB ALLOWS INSTANT TRAVEL!
THE ORACION SIX...
SO THAT'S WHO THEY WERE..

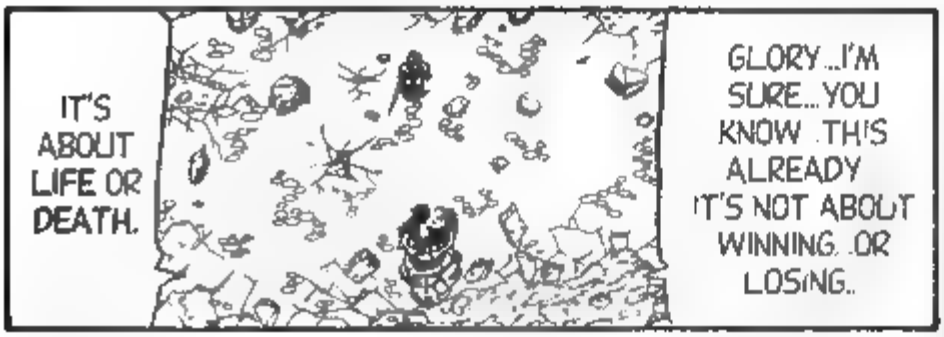
GUHUCK!
COUGH COUGH
HEH HEH HEH..
I CAN'T EVEN HOLD MY SWORD ANY-MORE!
WHAT DO WE DO?
COUGH
KING... IT'S OVER.
YOU LOST, MY FRIEND.
IT'S NOT OVER JUST YET...
NOT YET
GAAAAH!
HUFF HUFF

"TIME" WILL CONTINUE TO INTERSECT HERE, ON THIS DAY
ON THIS DAY, THE RAVES WERE BORN. ON THIS DAY THE WAR ENDED. WE WERE BOTH BORN, AND WE FIRST MET ON THIS VERY DAY
..ON THIS DAY
FOR AGES, "TIME" HAS BEEN REVOLVING AROUND, INTERSECTING
THIS HAS TO BE SETTLED... NOW.
DON'T YOU... GET IT... GLORY...?
AS LONG AS ONE SIDE IS NOT COMPLETELY WIPED OUT... THE TRAGIC CYCLE OF "TIME" CONTINUES.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SO IT MUST BE SETTLED
THIS IS MORE THAN MERE COINCIDENCE. RUNNING THROUGH ALL THE EVENTS THAT MARK THE DAY WHEN TIME INTERSECTS IS A SINGLE THREAD. AND THAT THREAD CONNECTS SYMPHONIA AND RAREGROOVE.
THE DAY TIME INTERSECTS IS A SPELL PUT ON TIME BY THE SYMPHONIAS AND THE RAREGROOVES... YOU OR ME... IN OTHER WORDS, SYMPHONIA OR RAREGROOVE.
!?

HUFF
HUFF
SETTLE WHO WILL GO ON LIVING.






IT'S ABOUT LIFE OR DEATH.
GLORY...I'M SURE...YOU KNOW .THIS ALREADY IT'S NOT ABOUT WINNING..OR LOSING..

YOU THINK YOU'VE WON? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH.... I'M STILL ALIVE..

...SO THE CURSE OF TIME CAN BE LIFTED..
BUT IF NOT ..I SHALL KILL ALL OF YOU..
HUFF
HUFF
IF YOU THINK YOU'VE WON, THEN FINISH ME OFF
YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE. YOU'LL ALL BE DEAD BEFORE YOU CAN BLINK.
IF YOU DON'T HURRY, I'LL SUMMON THE ORACION SIX...
COME ON...JUST KILL ME FINISH ME OFF, ONCE AND FOR ALL...
HUFF
HUFF
DO IT AND EVERY-THING WILL BE OVER
HUFF
HUFF
KING...
KING..
YOU'RE READY TO DIE?

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I CAN'T DO IT.
I CAN'T KILL MY BEST FRIEND.
IT SHAMES ME TO KNOW THAT MY OLD FRIEND IS SUCH A COWARD.

I'LL DO IT MYSELF!
HAVE IT YOUR WAY!
!
HE CAN'T MEAN.
?

HE'S GONNA CAUSE ANOTHER OVERDRIVE!!!
END OF EARTH?!
AFTER WE'VE COME SO FAR...
SO...THIS IS THE END OF EVERYTHING...?
1F

EVERYONE...
FORGIVE ME...
HE COULDN'T HAVE. HE DID! HE TRANSPORTED IT WITH WARP ROAD!
WH-WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!
N-NO, WAIT!! THE END OF EARTH DB DISAPPEARED FROM INSIDE MY BODY!!
KING... YOU DIDN'T...?
BUT WHERE DID HE SEND END OF EARTH? WHERE'S THE OVERDRIVE?!

THE ORACION SIX...

...AND THE ENTIRE DEMON CARD ORGANIZATION. AS THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, I PUT AN END TO IT ALL MYSELF

I WANT TO PUT AN END TO EVERY-THING.

...SO NO ONE ELSE IS CURSED BY THE INTER-SECTION OF TIME...EVER AGAIN.

DEMON CARD HEADQUARTERS.

AS OF NOW...
...DEMON CARD IS NO MORE!!

RAVE:71 OVERFLOW

KING!!
YOU DIDN'T...
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO KILL YOURSELF!

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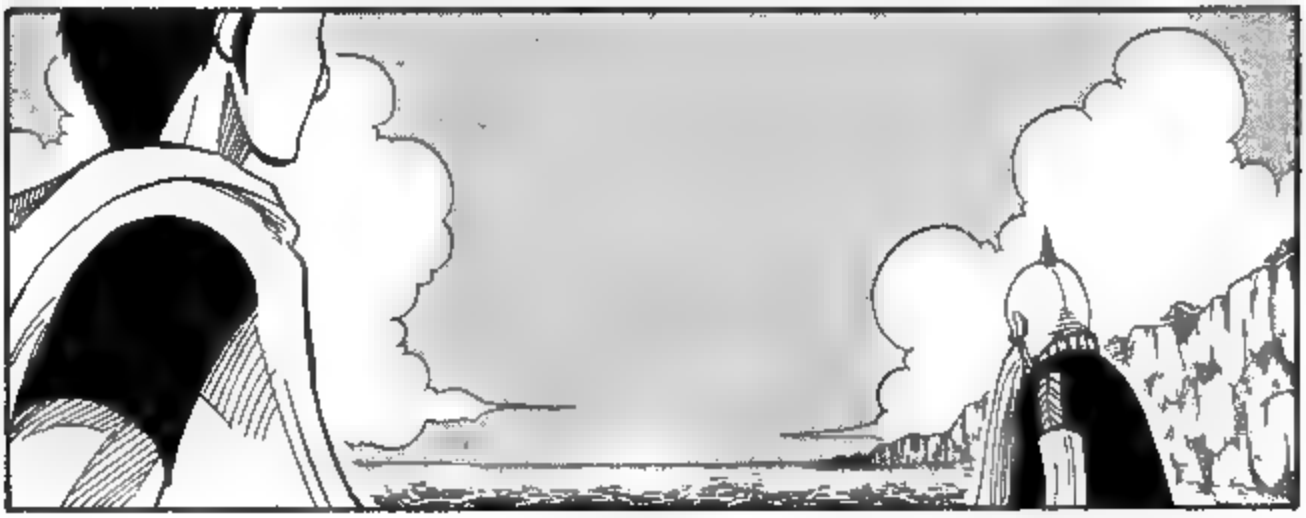

THAT FLASH OF LIGHT... THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT
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NO, IT CAN'T BE...

AH. AAA-AAH...
WH-WHAT'S THAT FLASH OF LIGHT?

PLEASE BE SAFE..
HARU.
...WATCH OVER HARU FOR ME.
PLEASE FATHER MOTHER..
THAT WAS THE OVER-DRIVE.
CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT KING SURVIVED THE BLAST! AND DON'T FORGET TO CHECK ON THE OTHER COMMANDERS TOO!
YES, SIR!
IT HAS NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED, BUT IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN THE OVERDRIVE!
DID YOU HEAR?! THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION AT DEMON CARD HEADQUAR-TERS!
Imperial Capital
OUR GENERALS, THE ORACION SIX, ALL WIPED OUT..
YOU'RE NOT REALLY DEAD, ARE YOU, JEGAN?
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAP-PENED?
HOW COULD HEADQUARTERS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY THE OVERDRIVES, DEMON CARD'S OWN ULTIMATE WEAPON?
GENERAL JEID WE SHOULD BE MOVING OUT!!
WE MUST GET TO HEAD-QUARTERS TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED!
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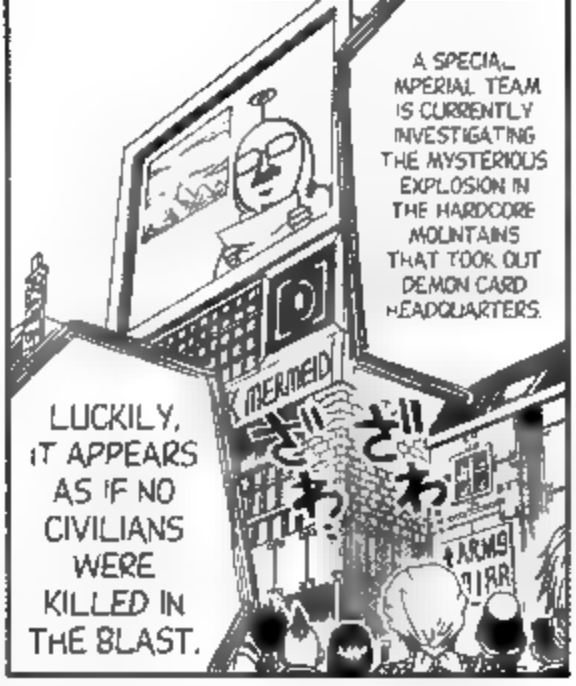
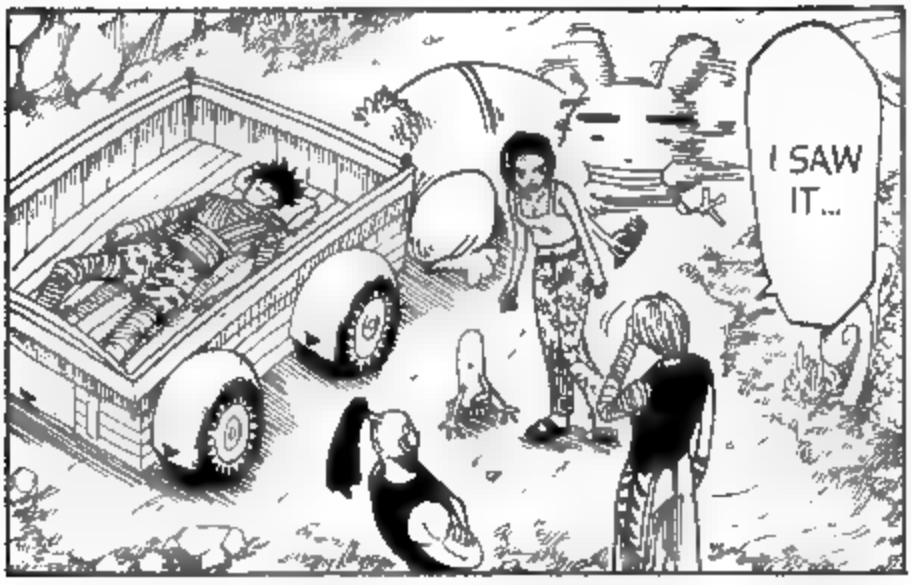
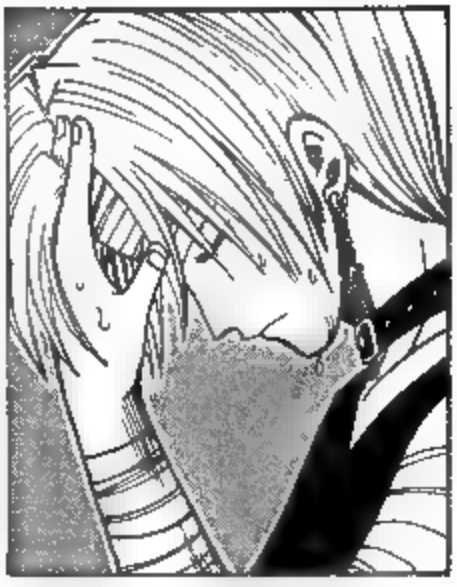
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON HERE...?
THAT SEEMED TOO SMALL TO HAVE BEEN THE OVERDRIVE. IT WAS MORE LIKE SOMEONE SET OFF AN EXPLOSION TO ONLY DESTROY THE DCHQ.


A SPECIAL IMPERIAL TEAM IS CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THE MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSION IN THE HARDCORE MOUNTAINS THAT TOOK OUT DEMON CARD HEADQUARTERS.
LUCKILY, IT APPEARS AS IF NO CIVILIANS WERE KILLED IN THE BLAST.
MERMEID
ARMS


I SAW IT...



MOUNTAINS.. YES. I SAW A HUGE FORTRESS GOING UP IN FLAMES.
NORTH? THE HARDCORE MOUNTAINS LIE IN THAT DIRECTION!
A FORTRESS? THAT'S DEMON CARD HEAD-QUARTERS!

IT CAME FROM THE NORTH. I THINK IT WAS THE OVER-DRIVE.
I HAD A VISION. THAT FLASH OF LIGHT...AN EXPLO-SION.

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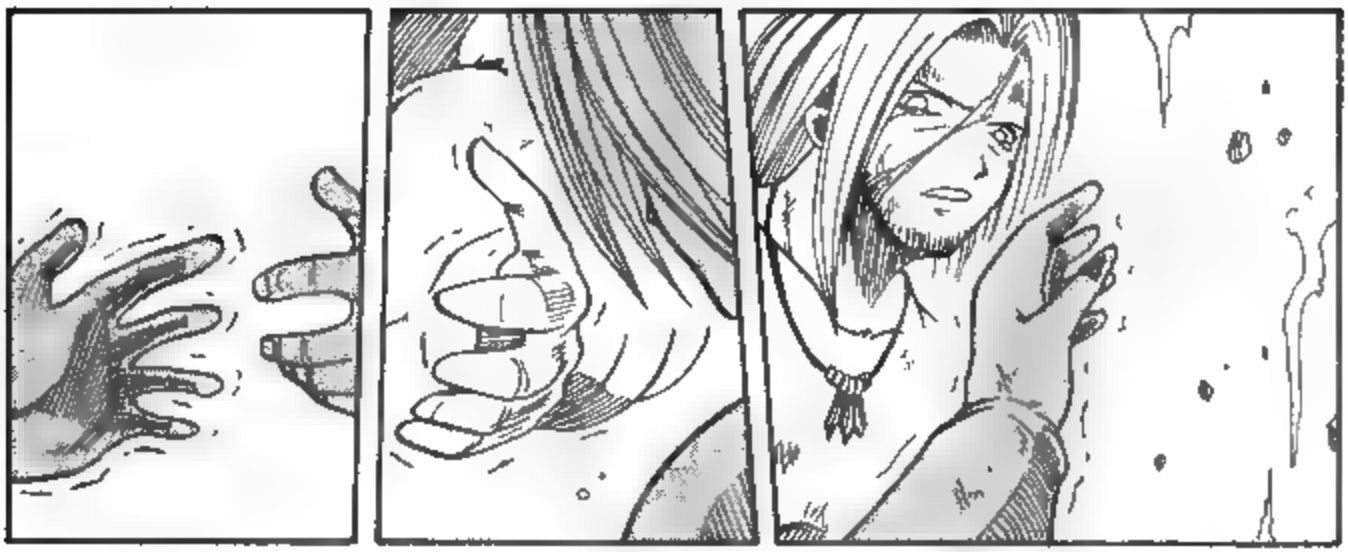
HARL AND THE OTHERS DID IT!
THEY WON!
SURE LOOKS LIKE IT
...IN...PEACE...
NOW I CAN. FINALLY REST..
HEH... I'M IMPRESSED. HARU PULLED THROUGH.

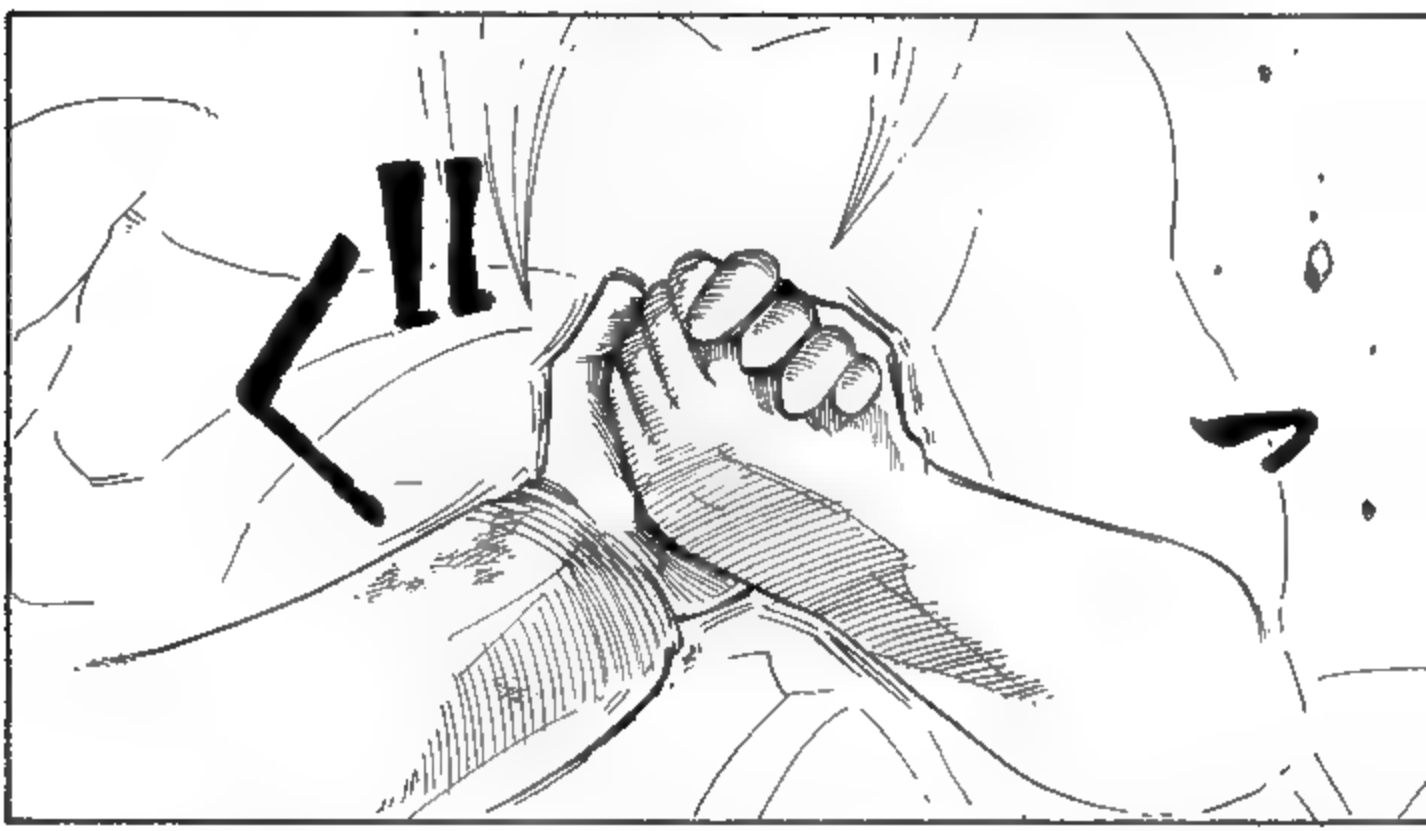
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT ELIE WAS ABLE TO DELIVER THE RAVE STONE IN TIME!!
SOLASIDO, LET'S WAIT FOR THEM BACK AT RABARRIER!!
RIGHT... AND MUSICA NEEDS MEDICAL ATTENTION!
HA HA HA!! HE DID IT! THE KID DID IT!!

KING!!
KING! HOLD ON THERE, OLD FRIEND!
YOU CAN'T DIE!! KING!!
G-G-GLO-ORY...
HUFF
HUFF
I-I KN-KNEW.. ALL.. AL-ALONG..

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I-I KNEW...ALL AL-LONG...
IT WASN'T... YOUR FAULT... EMILIA...OR LUCIA...GOT KILLED...
I-T WAS-WASN'T.. EVEN... THE EMPIRE'S ..FAULT
IT WAS.. ALL...MY FAULT... I WAS WEAK...
AND YET...I...I..
..WENT AND DID.. SOMETHING... TERRIBLE..
I KILLED.. YOUR SAKURA...

YOU... YOU'VE WON. THE...CURSE...OF TIME HAS BEEN BROKEN.
HOLD YOUR CHIN UP HIGH... GLORY.. AND - YOU TOO, RAVE MASTER...
YOU HAVE... ATTAINED.. YOUR PEACE.
HE'S CRYING?
IT'S OKAY YOU DON'T HAVE TO TALK ANY-MORE
IT'S ALL...
..OVER ..NOW
KING!!
GLO- GLORY...
WE'RE STILL BEST FRIENDS, RIGHT?!
WE CAN STILL START OVER!! ISN'T THAT RIGHT?!

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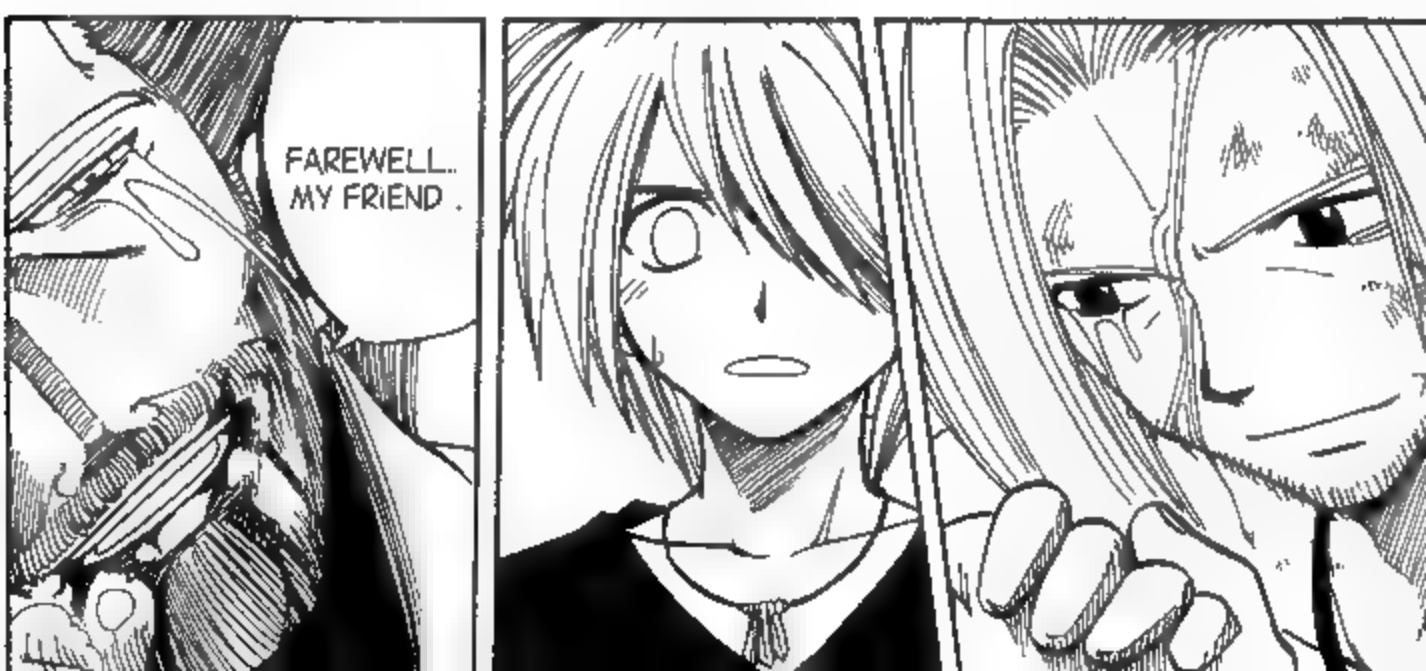
FAREWELL..
MY FRIEND .

I'M GOING HOME...
...TO THE NEVER-ENDING SKY.

NO...
HE'S NOT PLANNING ON STAYING HERE, IS HE?
DAD...
HARU!! MR. GLORY!! WE'VE GOTTA GET OUT OF HERE!
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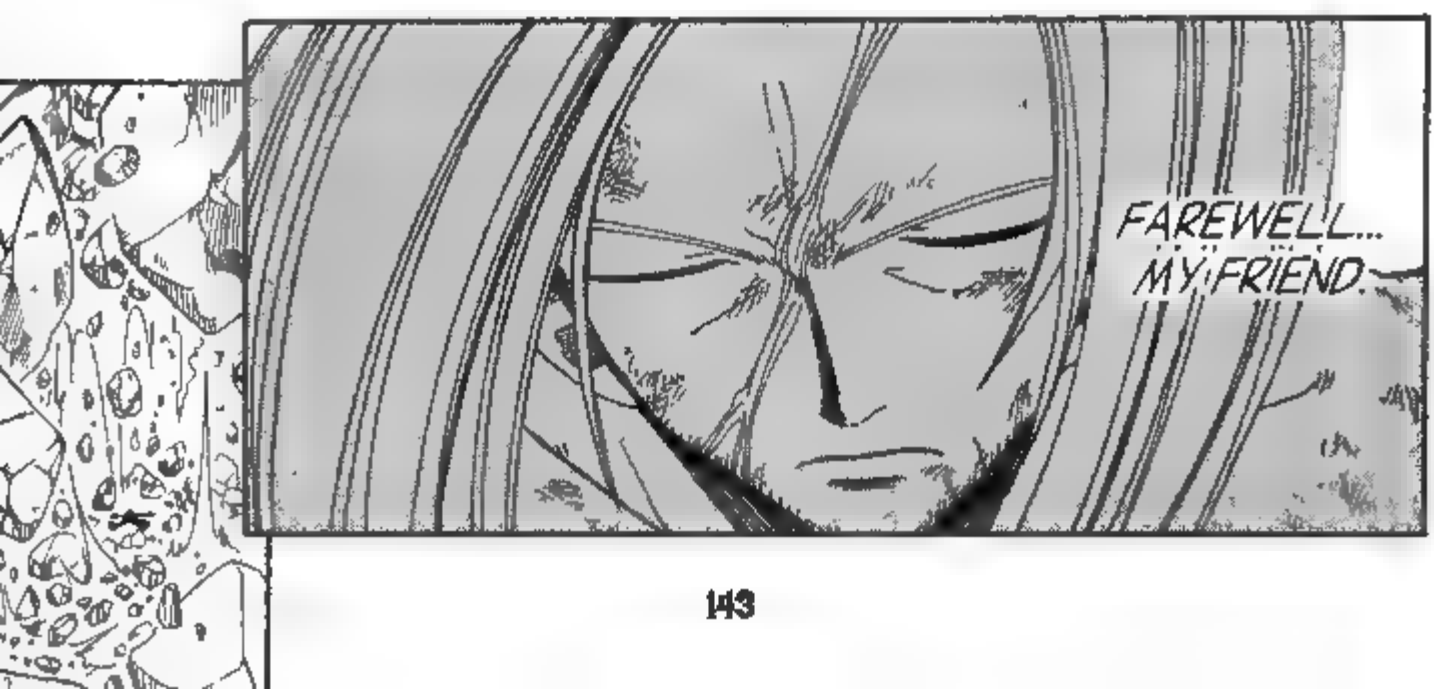
ALL RIGHT.
LET'S HEAD HOME.

OKAY!
LET'S GO!!
AND LIVE ENOUGH FOR KING TOO
WE HAVE TO LIVE.


FAREWELL... MY FRIEND.

...SO LET ME HANDLE THIS!
HARL, MR GLORY KNOW YOU GUYS ARE EXHAUST-ED
!
SNAP! THE RUBBLE'S BLOCKING OUR WAY OUT
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HIYAAAA!!
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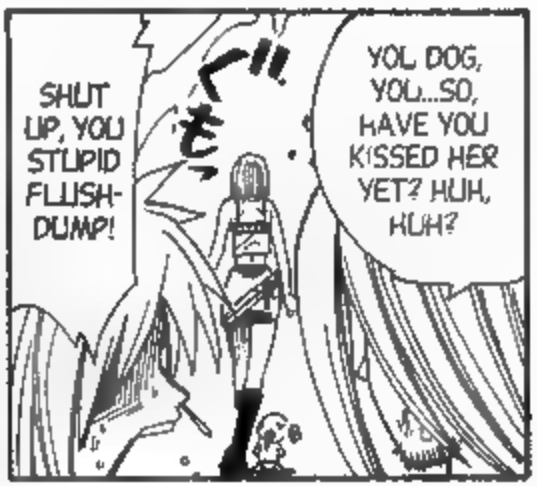
WAY TO GO, ELIE!

I TOLD YOU...IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
She IS pretty hot, though
HA HA! YOU GOT YOURSELF QUITE A CATCH THERE, SON.
Nice rack, too.

COME ON! NOW'S OUR CHANCE!

YOU LITTLE TURD!! IS THAT ANY WAY TO TALK TO YOUR FATHER?!
I CALLED YOU FLUSHDUMP 'CAUSE YOUR HEAD'S FULL OF CRAP!
WHY, YOU--! HOW DARE YOU SPEAK TO YOUR FATHER LIKE THAT!!
LIKE A FATHER THAT CALLS HIS SON A "LITTLE TURD" HAS ANY ROOM TO TALK!!


SHUT UP, YOU STUPID FLUSH-DUMP!
YOU DOG, YOU...SO, HAVE YOU KISSED HER YET? HUH, HUH?

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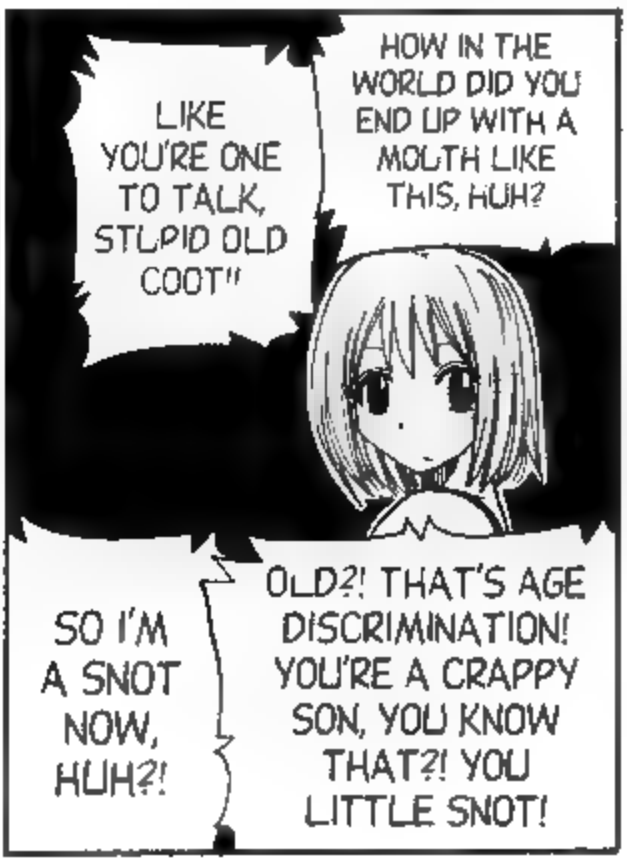

LIKE YOU'RE ONE TO TALK, STUPID OLD COOT!!
HOW IN THE WORLD DID YOU END UP WITH A MOUTH LIKE THIS, HUH?
SO I'M A SNOT NOW, HUH?!
OLD?! THAT'S AGE DISCRIMINATION! YOU'RE A CRAPPY SON, YOU KNOW THAT?! YOU LITTLE SNOT!

AH HA HA HA HA! LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON!

ELIE...?
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR SAYING THAT ABOUT ME AND ELIE
AW, GREAT. YOU WENT AND EMBARRASSED ME IN FRONT OF A GIRL.
ELIE?
NO, IT CAN'T BE...
ELIE?
HELP!!
EEEEEK!
ELIE, LOOK OUT!!
DUCK!!
WHAT?!

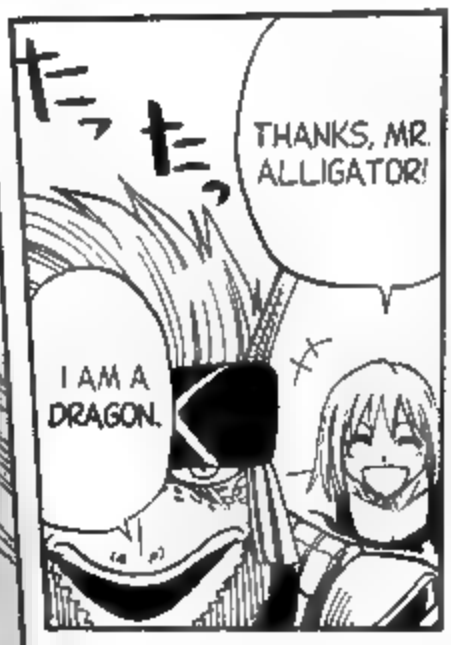
YOU MUSTN'T FORGET HOW MUCH DANGER YOU ARE IN RIGHT NOW.
THIS TOWER IS ABOUT TO CRUMBLE TO PIECES
YOU REALLY SHOULD BE A LITTLE MORE CAREFUL, YOU KNOW

LET
!!

DO NOT THINK THAT I AM RESCUING YOU. I JUST DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU DIE, THAT'S ALL.
IF YOU D-E, I WOULD NOT GET TO CHAL-LENGE YOU AGAIN.

COME. FOL LOW ME
I WILL LEAD YOU TO THE EXIT!!

EVEN PEOPLE WHO WERE HIS ENEMIES ARE JOINING HIS SIDE NOW. I BET PEOPLE GRAVITATE TO YOU NATURALLY... LIKE A STAR SHINING BRIGHT IN THE NIGHT SKY.


THANKS, MR. ALLIGATOR!
I AM A DRAGON.

HA HA! THAT'S FINE WITH ME!
I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT!

CAN'T BE STEPPING ON A PICTURE OF A DRAGON AS A DRAGON LEADS OUR ESCAPE.
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DAD!!
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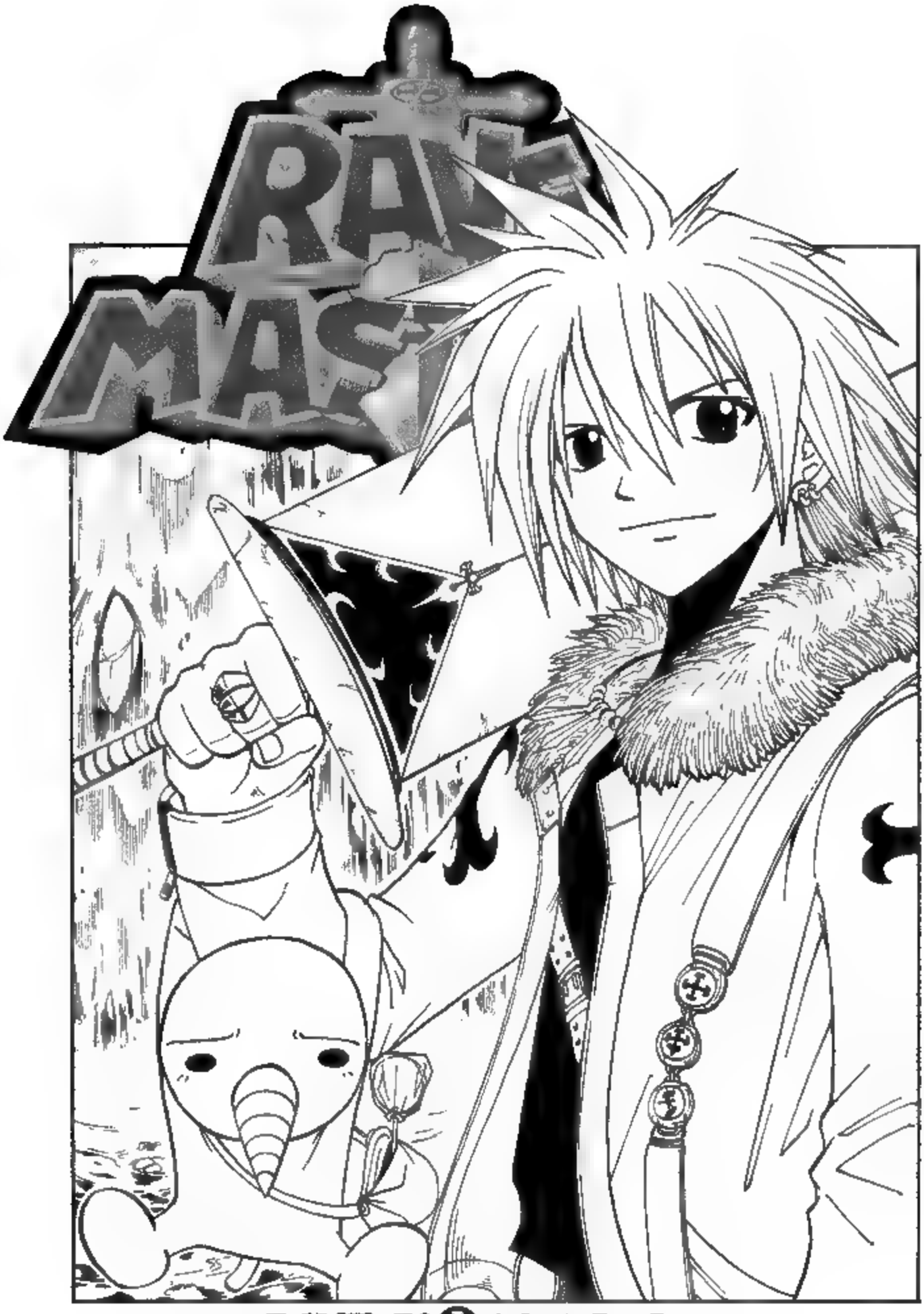

RAVE:72 AS A DAD

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DAD!!

WHAT TO DO..
HARU!
PUUN
TO SAVE THEM OR NOT TO SAVE THEM..?

BLT --!!
COME!
HARU!! MR GLORY!!

...FOR TRUST IS ANOTHER PART OF COURAGE.
LASS... BELIEVE AND TRUST IN THEM...

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I WILL WATCH OVER THE GIRL, RAVE MASTER.
JUST MAKE IT OUT ALIVE
HARU..
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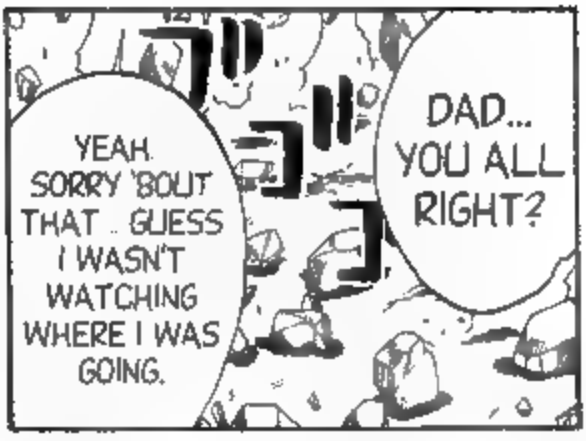
WE BARELY HAVE ANY STRENGTH LEFT AS IT IS. I CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE.
BUT YOU, WHY'D YOU HAFTA GO AND FOLLOW ME DOWN HERE, STUPID?


YEAH. SORRY 'BOUT THAT. GUESS I WASN'T WATCHING WHERE I WAS GOING.
DAD... YOU ALL RIGHT?

SIGH...

WE HAVE TO WORK TOGETHER TO GET OUT OF HERE.

DON'T GIVE UP!!
WE WILL MAKE IT OUTTA HERE!

YOU LISTEN TO ME... THERE AIN'T NO WAY I'M GIVIN' UP! I'M GONNA MAKE IT BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND NO MATTER WHAT
GEEZ...YOU NEVER GIVE UP, DO YOU?
WHAT WAS THAT BIG OL' SIGH FOR, THEN?
WHO SAID ANY-THING ABOUT GIVIN' UP?
AND THERE AIN'T NOTHIN' MORE IMPORTANT THAN PROMISES.
I TOLD YOU, I MADE A PROMISE TO CATTLEYA.
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YOU SURE THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY?
I THINK SO.
NOW LET'S GO.

DON'T OVERDO IT HERE. LEAN ON MY SHOULDER.
SURE DID SHE'S THE MOST HAPPENIN' CHICK ON GARAGE ISLAND
HEY, HARU..
ABOUT CATTLEYA. DID SHE GROW UP TO BE A BABE, LIKE HER MOM?
HE'S DEAD MEAT!!
SHE HAD ONE A WHILE BACK. THAT GUY REALLY TICKED ME OFF. ALWAYS MAKING SIS CRY AND STUFF.
WHAT? SHE'S HAPPENIN'?! Y-Y-Y-Y-YOU AREN'T TALKING ABOUT BOYFRIENDS, ARE YOU?
ATTA-BOY!!
DON'T WORRY. I ALREADY SOCKED IT TO HIM.

MAN, I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE EVERYONE AGAIN.
LAUGHIN' LIKE A HYENA, JUST LIKE ALWAYS. STILL AIN'T MARRIED, THOUGH
THAT'S TOO BAD HE'S A GOOD GUY.
WHAT ABOUT GENMA? HOW'S HE DOIN'?
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...SO I CAN SAY..."I'M HOME."
AS SOON AS I GET BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND, I'LL ROUND EVERYONE UP...
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AW, MAN."
WHA--?!
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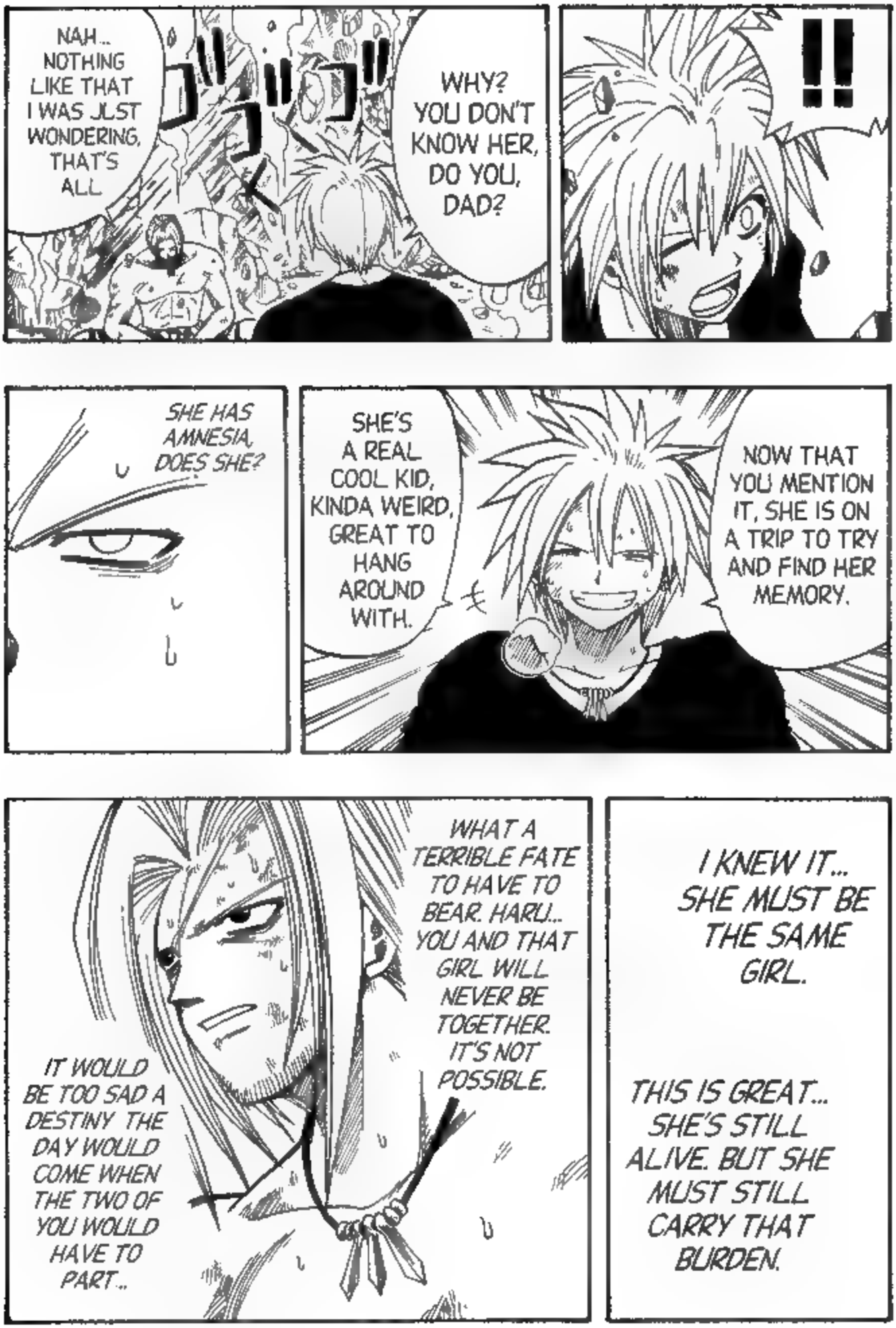
OH, OKAY. HE MUST'VE GONE HOME ALREADY.
HEY, WHERE'D MR. ALLIGATOR GO?
!
PUUN?
PLEASE HURRY UP AND COME OUT SAFELY
HARU... MR. GLORY...

IT'S GETTING HARD TO BREATHE DOWN HERE.
AW, STANK! THIS AIN'T LOOKIN' GOOD.
WE CAME ALL THIS WAY, ONLY TO GET TRAPPED INSIDE.
YEAH. WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF OXYGEN.
NORMALLY IN A SITUATION LIKE THIS, CHATTING WOULD BE THE WORST THING YOU COULD DO. USES UP TOO MUCH OXYGEN.
YEAH...
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
I'VE GOT TOO MUCH I WANNA TALK TO YOU ABOUT
NO CAN DO, DAD.
SHUDA WAS ONE OF THE BOUNTY HUNTERS WHO CAME LOOKIN' FOR ME
AT THE TIME THERE WAS A HIT OUT ON MY HEAD, WITH ME BEING A FORMER LEADER OF DC AND ALL.
NAH... I MET HIM WHILE I WAS OUT IN THE DESERT.
HE AN OLD BUDDY FROM YOUR DC DAYS?
DAD ..THAT REMINDS ME. I MET THIS GUY NAMED SHUDA.

WHEN I SAW THE DC INSIGNIA, I BEAT HIM HALF TO DEATH. AFTER THAT, HE JUST DISAPPEARED INTO THIN AIR. PROBABLY COULDN'T HAVE CARED LESS ABOUT THE REWARD MONEY.
THE RUMORS CONTINUED TO SPREAD, AND BEFORE LONG I HAD MORE AND MORE BOUNTY HUNTERS ON MY TAIL.
THEN ONE DAY HE SHOWED UP WITH A DC INSIGNIA ON HIM.
THE HUGE REWARD ON MY HEAD MUSTA PIQUED HIS CURIOSITY. SAID HE WANTED TO FIGHT ME, NO MATTER WHAT
HUH?
BUT I JUST RAN AWAY FROM HIM.
Every time I saw one, I'd run.
I WAS SICK AND TIRED OF FIGHTIN'
HEY, HARU, ABOUT THAT GIRL YOU'RE WITH.. ELIE.
SO THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENED
ELIE... IS THAT HER REAL NAME?


NAH... NOTHING LIKE THAT I WAS JUST WONDERING, THAT'S ALL
WHY? YOU DON'T KNOW HER, DO YOU, DAD?
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SHE HAS AMNESIA, DOES SHE?
SHE'S A REAL COOL KID, KINDA WEIRD, GREAT TO HANG AROUND WITH.
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, SHE IS ON A TRIP TO TRY AND FIND HER MEMORY.
WHAT A TERRIBLE FATE TO HAVE TO BEAR. HARU... YOU AND THAT GIRL WILL NEVER BE TOGETHER. IT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
IT WOULD BE TOO SAD A DESTINY THE DAY WOULD COME WHEN THE TWO OF YOU WOULD HAVE TO PART...
I KNEW IT... SHE MUST BE THE SAME GIRL.
THIS IS GREAT... SHE'S STILL ALIVE. BUT SHE MUST STILL CARRY THAT BURDEN.

WHAT AM I THINKING? WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY OUTTA HERE, FAST.
I'M... I'M SCARED, DAD.. I DON'T FEEL TOO GOOD
YEAH...
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!
IT'S OVER
IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE WHOLE TOWER GOES.
I HAVE TO STAY WITH HARU..
AND GO BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND...
NO! I CAN'T GIVE UP! THERE HAS TO BE A WAY...

I KNOW THINGS LOOK BAD, HARU. SOON THE WHOLE TOWER WILL BE RUBBLE.
BUT WE CAN'T GIVE UP YET MIRACLES CAN HAPPEN.
I KNEW THINGS SEEMED.. TOO GOOD.. TO BE TRUE...
HUFF
CAN'T... MOVE...
HUFF
HA HA... "DON'T GIVE UP," HUH? THAT'S WHAT I KEEP TELLING MYSELF..BUT I THINK...I'VE RUN OUT OF MIRACLES...
HARU...
STAR MEMORY?
EVER HEARD OF SOMETHING CALLED STAR MEMORY?
YEAH... SO SAKURA AND CATTLEYA NEVER TOLD YOU 'BOUT IT?
IT'S A LEGEND PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE SYMPHONIA ROYAL FAMILY

IT'S A SACRED PLACE, A NATURAL PHENOMENON MADE BY THE PLANET'S LIFE-FORCE OVER BILLIONS OF YEARS -- STAR MEMORY.
LEGEND HAS IT THAT SOMEWHERE ON THIS PLANET THERE'S A PLACE THAT HOLDS ALL THE QUESTIONS IN THE WORLD, AND ALL THE ANSWERS
THIS ISN'T JUST HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS, OR EVEN MILLIONS. THIS IS BILLIONS OF YEARS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
IT BLOWS YOUR MIND TO THINK ABOUT IT
PRETTY COOL, HUH? STARS, PLANETS...
...REMEMBERING EVERYTHING FROM THE SECOND YOU'RE BORN.
DAD..?
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OUR MEMORIES ARE JUST A DROP OF WATER IN THAT SEA OF MEMORY AND HECK, WE CAN'T EVEN REMEMBER EVERYTHING IN OUR OWN SHORT LIVES
WE DO OUR BEST TO REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES, TRY TO FORGET THE BAD...
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COMPARED TO THAT, WE HUMANS ARE SO SMALL, SO INSIGNIFI-CANT...

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HARU…
AND THEN THERE ARE SPECIAL CASES. LIKE ELIE, WHO CAN'T REMEMBER A THING.
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NEVER FORGET OUR TIME TODAY...
DON'T DO THIS!!
STOP!!
DAD!! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?!
MOVE!!

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS DURING OUR SHORT, FRAIL HUMAN LIFE-TIMES.
DAD!!
FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, I PROMISED YOUR SISTER I'D COME BACK, NO MATTER WHAT.
TO ME, IT'S PROMISES.
RIGHT NOW, THERE'S SOMETHING EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT PROMISE
AND THAT IS...
WHAT?
NO... MAYBE THE WONDERFUL STAR MEMORY OPENED MY PUNY LITTLE EYES TO IT
BUT I JUST REALIZED SOME-THING.

YOU.
YOUR
LIFE.

OH,
DAD...

DON'T
WORRY,
SON. I'LL
PROTECT
YOU.

NO... DAD...
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NO...
DAD!!
DAD!
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Levin Minds the House

Number 8 - The Present

YOU COULD ALWAYS GIVE IT TO SOMEONE AS A PRESENT?
NO WAY I WOULDN'T WISH THIS THING ON ANYONE.
STOP IT
SO, WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH THIS THING?
SHUT UP!!!
YOU KNOW, THEY MAY NEVER COME HOME.
FINE! SUIT YOURSELF! MOM AND DAD'LL JUST YELL AT YOU WHEN THEY GET HOME!
STOP IT
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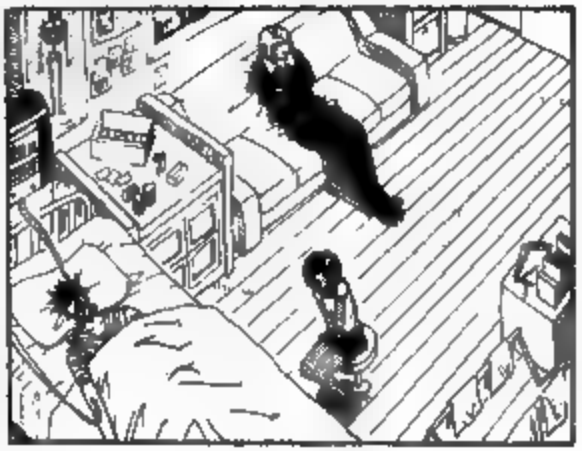
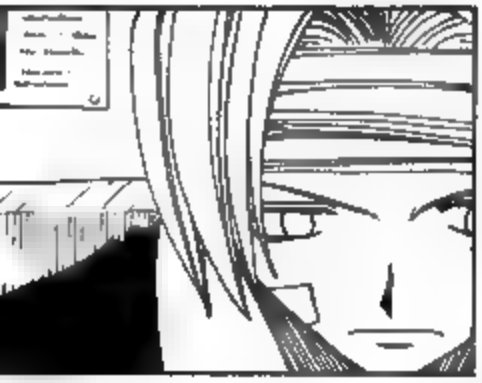
OH! HEY, WHAT'S UP, CHINO?
HMM?
HEY, LEVIN!!
HELLO, THERE
I--I SEE...
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR MY MOM AND DAD, THEY'RE NOT HERE. THEY'RE OUT ON A DATE!!
A-ARE YOU SURE THIS IS A GOOD IDEA?
NO WAY! YOU WANT IT?!
LEVIN!! YOU GOTTA GIMME THAT THING!!

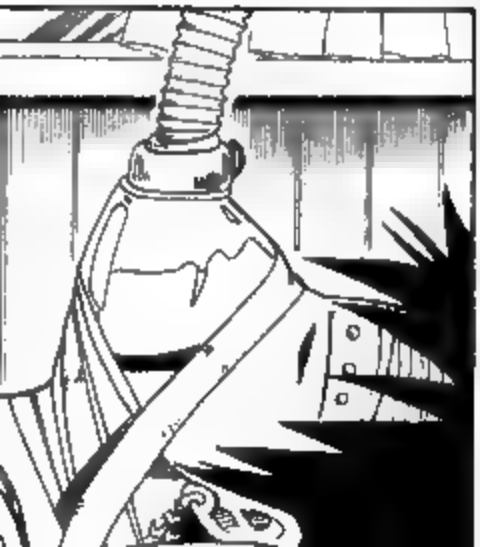
To be continued?

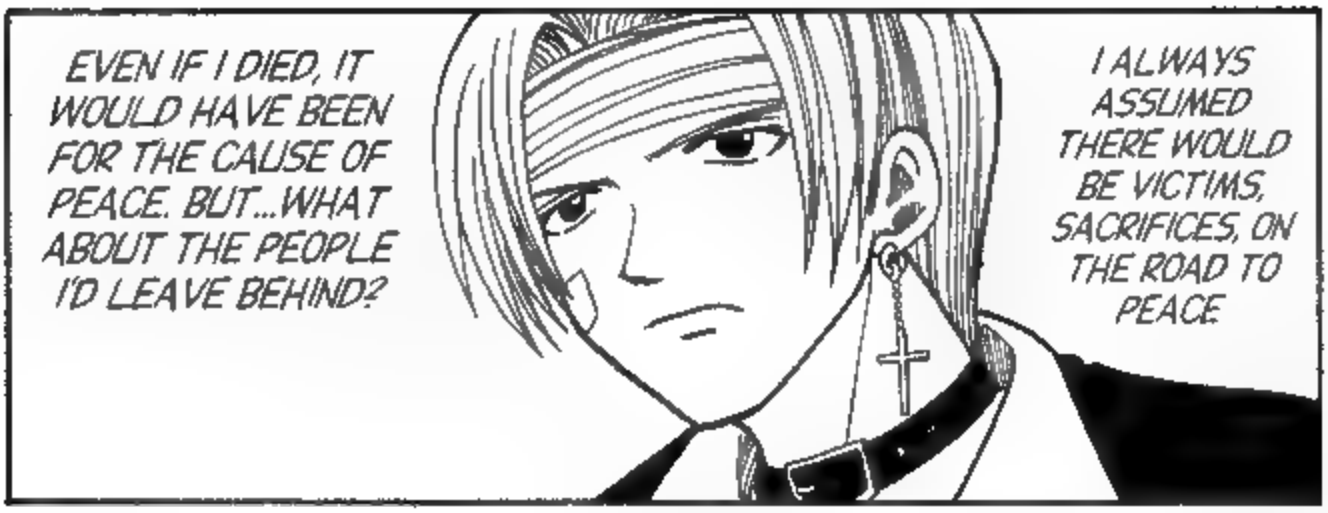
RAVE
MASTER
LOVE

RAVE:73 ETERNAL BONDS

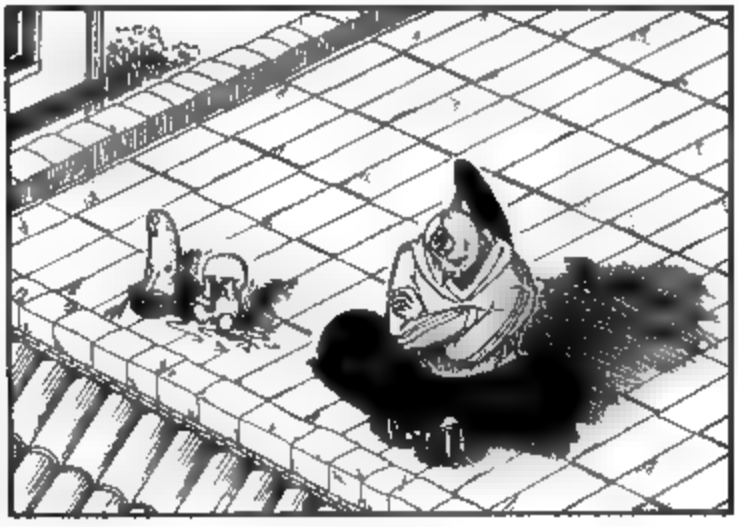


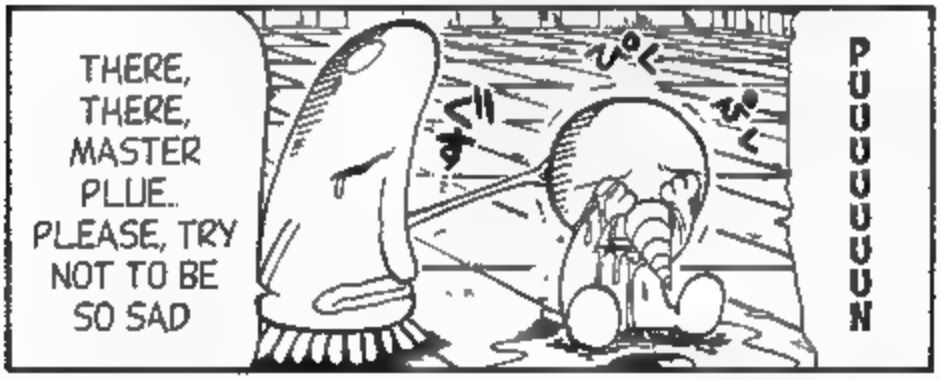




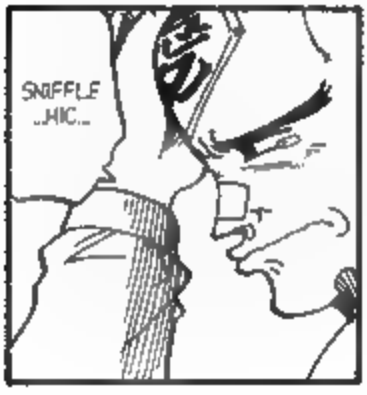

EVEN IF I DIED, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FOR THE CAUSE OF PEACE. BUT...WHAT ABOUT THE PEOPLE I'D LEAVE BEHIND?
I ALWAYS ASSUMED THERE WOULD BE VICTIMS, SACRIFICES, ON THE ROAD TO PEACE

BUT YOU KNOW, I WONDER WHY HARU WOULD CHOOSE TO BRING HIS FATHER HERE, INSTEAD OF THEIR OWN HOME-TOWN?




THERE, THERE, MASTER PLUE.. PLEASE, TRY NOT TO BE SO SAD
PUUUUUUUN

BACK HOME, HARU HAS A VERY LOVELY (I IMAGINE) SISTER. PERHAPS HE DID NOT WANT TO UPSET HER LIKE THAT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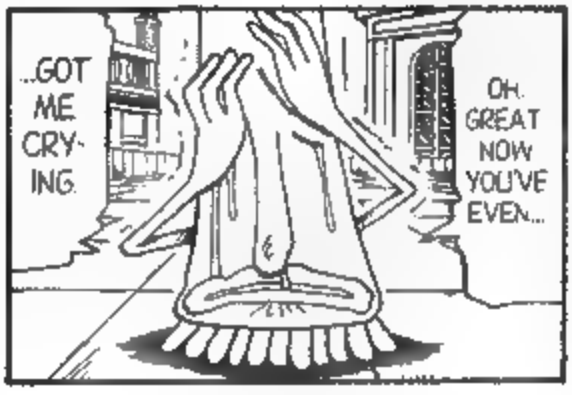
...GOT ME CRY-ING.
OH. GREAT NOW YOU'VE EVEN...

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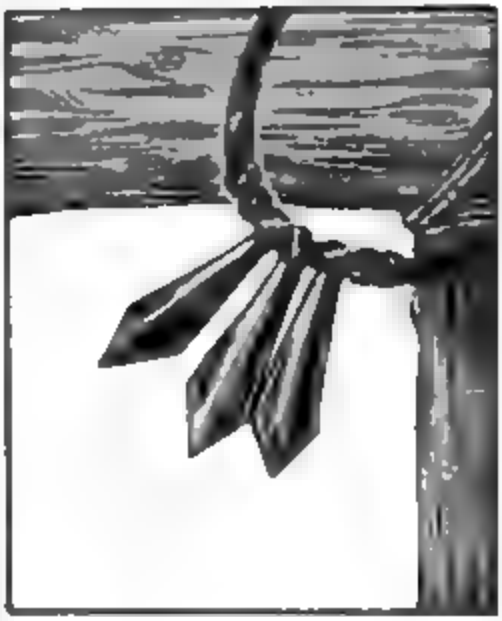

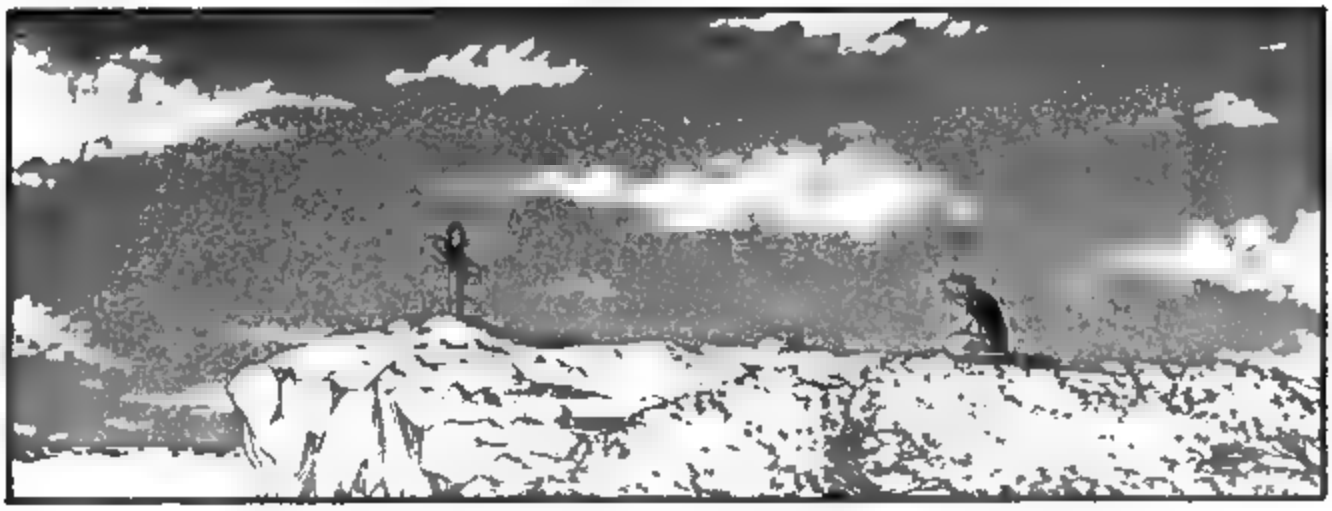

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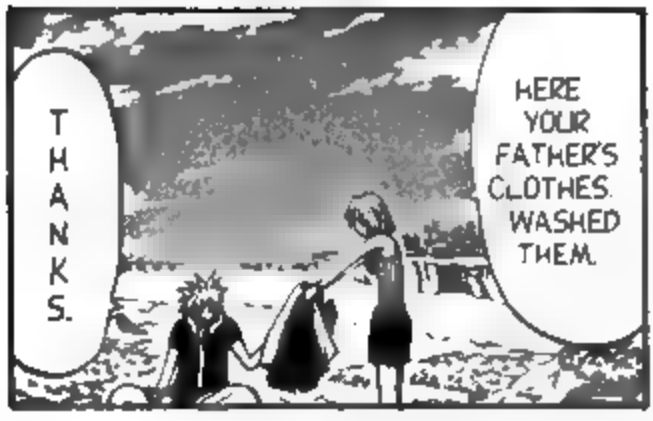
HERE YOUR FATHER'S CLOTHES. WASHED THEM.
THANKS.

ELIE.

MIND IF I SIT DOWN?
GO AHEAD
!
BOY, AM I STARVIN'.
?
ELIE.
YOU WANT SOME?
OH, YEAH! I BROUGHT COOKIES.

BLEH!!
Fua made 'em
THEY SURE ARE.
THEY AREN'T HOMEMADE, ARE THEY?
MMM... THESE ARE REALLY GOOD
SEWING?
YEAH!
MAYBE I'LL SEE IF HE CAN TEACH ME SOME-TIME!
HE SAYS HE'S REAL GOOD AT SEWING TOO.
QUITE THE FAMILY MAN, ISN'T HE...?
C-COME ON... YOU MEAN THAT OLD GEEZER'S INTO THIS KIND OF STUFF?
UM...ELIE... PLUE'S NOT A SCARE-CROW.
..I CAN SEW IT SHUT SO THE STRAW DOESN'T FALL OUT.
LIKE IF PLUE'S HEAD RIPS OPEN...
WHEN YOU GUYS GET HURT, I CAN SEW YOU UP AND STUFF.
OKAY... I GUESS WE CAN FIND SOMETHING FOR YOU TO SEW..
COME ON, WHO CARES! EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE YOU GOTTA LET ME DO SOME GIRLY STUFF!
YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS... ARE YOU?!
That's not sewing

OOH-HAH!
YOU'RE CRAZY YOU KNOW THAT? BUT...I REA..LY ..IKE HANGING OUT WITH YOU
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YOU CAME HERE TO CHEER ME UP, RIGHT?
I THINK I'M BETTER NOW
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A PICTURE
OH!
HA HA I'VE GOT THIS SAME PICTURE BACK IN MY ROOM
AW ..LOOK HOW CUTE YOU WERE AS A BABY

Sakura
Cattleya
Haru
Although we are apart,
my heart will always
be with you.
AS SOON AS I GET BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND, I'LL ROUND EVERYONE UP SO I CAN SAY "I'M HOME."
WE'VE GOT THE REST OF OUR LIVES TO LEARN ABOUT EACH OTHER WE'RE FAMILY IT'S THAT SIMPLE
BOY, HOW YOU'VE GROWN... I'VE BEEN LOOKIN' FORWARD TO THIS DAY FOR A LONG TIME.
...IS YOU.
RIGHT NOW THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO ME...

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OH, HARL..

..I DON'T THINK GUYS SHOULD HAVE TO HOLD BACK.
IN SITUA TIONS LIKE THESE

KUGH..

UWAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!

WAAAAAH!!
.....
!!!
I JUST WANNA SEE MY DAD!!
I WANNA SEE HIM!!
I HATE THIS!!
I WANNA SEE HIM!! I WANNA SEE MY DAD!!
I HATE THIS! I'LL NEVER GET TO SEE HIM AGAIN!!
WHY DAMMIT?!
WHY ...?

I JUST WANNA SEE HIM...
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CAN YOU HEAR ME?
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HARU.
DAD...?
HARU.
HA HA.. I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.
HERE, INSIDE YOUR HEART, YOU CAN SEE ME ANY-TIME
WH - WHERE IS THIS PLACE ..?
INSIDE YOUR HEART
LISTEN TO ME, HARU.. LISTEN CLOSE.
RIGHT NOW YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF DIFFERENT ROADS STRETCHING OUT IN FRONT OF YOU.
THE ROAD YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO TAKE... THAT'S SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT, AND DECIDE ON YOUR OWN.

AND HERE'S THE ROAD BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND.

OVER HERE IS THE JOURNEY TO FIND ELIE'S MEMORY

HERE, LET ME SHOW YOU.

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHICH PATH YOU TAKE ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT YOU MAKE UP YOUR MIND ON YOUR OWN.

ON THIS PATH, YOU CAN LOOK FOR THE REMAINING TWO RAVES.

NO FATE, NO DESTINY, JUST YOUR OWN FREE WILL. IT'S A VERY IMPORTANT DECISION

WHAT ROAD WILL YOU CHOOSE?
I GUESS MAYBE ALL OF 'EM.
I WANT TO KNOW THE REAL MEANING BEHIND THE RAVES.. I WANT TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY .. SO I'M GONNA COLLECT ALL THE RAVES.
I HEARD SOMEWHERE THAT THE RAVES AREN'T REALLY WEAPONS FOR BATTLE. AND WHEN YOU COLLECT ALL OF THEM, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND THE R TRUE MEANING!
THEN, WHEN I'M FINISHED WITH ALL THAT, I'LL GO BACK TO GARAGE ISLAND.
AND IT LOOKS LIKE ELIE'S MEMORY MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE RAVES TOO. SO IF WE'RE TRAVELING TOGETHER, WE JUST MIGHT F ND IT FOR HER

MY HEART..
.. WILL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU.
RIGHT? ALL OF THEM.
IF THAT IS THE ROAD YOU HAVE CHOSEN FOR YOURSELF, THEN MAY YOU TRAVEL IT
HEH, HEH. GREEDY ONE, AREN'T YOU?
THANKS
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HMPH
NO MORE CRYING.
I'M FINE NOW.

'CAUSE I HAVE A NEW JOURNEY TO BEGIN!
TO BE CONTINUED

Character Profiles

HARU'S FATHER, GALE GLORY (REAL NAME: GALE SYMPHONIA GLORY THE 6TH)

① SWORD (AZURE SKY BLADE)
② SEPTEMBER 9, 0021 / 45YO
③ 184CM / 74KG / TYPE A
④ MARRY LOOSE
⑤ WATCHING THE STARS
⑥ ENDURING LONELINESS
⑦ FAMILY
⑧ WHAT DEMON CARD BECAME

SUPREME COMMANDER OF DC. KING
(REAL NAME: GALE RAREGROOVE)

① SWORD & DARKBRING
(DECALOGUE,
BLACK ZENITH,
GATE,
MONSTER PRISON,
WARP ROAD)
② SEPTEMBER 9, 0021 / 45YO
③ 201CM / 92KG / TYPE AB
④ RAREGROOVE
⑤ LISTENING TO CLASSICAL MUSIC
⑥ THE ENCLAVE
⑦ DARK BRING
⑧ GALE GLORY

KEEPER OF THE RAVE: CLEA MALTESE (DURING WARRING KINGDOM ERA)

① DOUBLE SHORT SWORD (LAZ HOLY)
② 9993-0016 (DIED AT AGE 23)
③ 168CM / 47KG / TYPE B
④ AQUA PALACE
⑤ BIRD WATCHING
⑥ FENCING, HOLY BARRIER MAKING
⑦ SHIBA
⑧ SHIBA

KNIGHT OF THE HOLY BARRIER: SOLASIDO SHARPNER

① HOLY CROSS
② JUNE 15, 0042 / 18YO
③ 170XM / 58KG / TYPE B
④ AQUA PALACE
⑤ STUDIES
⑥ TELEKINESIS
⑦ YOUNGER SISTER
⑧ DEMONOIDS, MUSICA

KEEPER OF THE RAVE (PSELIDO): REMI MALTESE (REAL NAME: REMI SHARPNER)

① STAFF
② AUGUST 22, 0051 / 15YO
③ 157CM / 42KG / TYPE O
④ AQUA PALACE
⑤ TANNING SALON
⑥ ACTING
⑦ PROPHECIES
⑧ CENTIPEDES

HOW TO READ THE DATA: ① WEAPON ② BIRTHDAY / AGE ③ HEIGHT / WEIGHT / BLOOD TYPE ④ BIRTHPLACE ⑤ HOBBIES ⑥ SPECIAL SKILLS ⑦ LIKES ⑧ HATES

About the characters

DUE TO CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, THE CHARACTER PROFILE SECTION WAS CONDENSED FOR THIS ISSUE. INSTEAD I'LL TALK A LITTLE ABOUT THE CHARACTERS RIGHT HERE. FIRST OFF IS GALE. I CAME UP WITH THIS THINKING I WANTED TO HAVE IT PERTAIN SOMEHOW TO "HARU" (SPRING). "GALE" MEANS "A GUST OF WIND." ACTUALLY, WHEN THIS SERIES STARTED BEING SERIALIZED, I HADN'T DECIDED ANYTHING REGARDING GALE, AND I HELD OFF FIGURING IT OUT UNTIL THE KING STORYLINE. I WASN'T SURE IF THE GALE/KING BACKSTORY WAS REALLY THAT INTERESTING, BUT I WENT WITH IT ANYWAY, SO MAKING EVERYTHING MATCH UP AND BE CONSISTENT WAS PRETTY TOUGH (HA HA!). I HAD BEEN THINKING OF MAKING KING A DESCENDANT OF THE RAREGROOVES FOR A WHILE, BUT EVERY TIME HE APPEARS, HIS HAIR LOOKS DIFFERENT (HA HA!). I'M PRETTY PROUD OF THE WAY I HAD THEM BOTH DIE IN THE END.

I WAS A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED THAT I WAS ONLY ABLE TO WORK CLEA MALTESE INTO ONE CHAPTER. I REALLY WANTED TO WORK IN SOME OF HER BACKGROUND AND STUFF INTO THE STORY. THAT'S WHY IN THE UPCOMING *KOK* (KNIGHTS OF KINGDOM) SUPPLEMENT, WHICH DEALS WITH THE WARRING KINGDOM ERA, I MADE SURE SHE WAS TREATED IN A WAY THAT LEAVES A REAL IMPRESSION ON THE READER'S MIND. I WONDER IF THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION OF THE *KOK* STORIES? MAYBE, MAYBE NOT. ANYWAY, IF YOU GET A CHANCE TO READ IT, BE SURE TO LOOK FOR HER.

SOLASIDO AND REMI ENDED UP BEING PRETTY INCIDENTAL CHARACTERS THROUGH THE WHOLE THING. I HAD ORIGINALLY PLANNED ON HAVING THEM JOIN HARU'S PARTY, BUT THEY DIDN'T SEEM TOO MEMORABLE, SO I SCRATCHED THAT IDEA (HA HA!). BUT DON'T WORRY, THERE'S ALWAYS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY'LL SHOW UP IN THE STORY AT A LATER DATE. IF I CAN MAKE THEM MORE INTERESTING, THEY MIGHT JUST FIND THEMSELVES A PART OF HARU'S TEAM. (I SWEAR IT'S NOT JUST 'CUZ I DON'T WANT TO HAVE A CHARACTER WITH TAN SKIN--IT'S NOT THAT IT'S A BIG HASSLE PUTTING ON SCREEN TONE FOR HER SKIN COLOR.)

A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THIS, BUT WHEN I FIRST DREW SOLASIDO, HE HAD GREEN SKIN. TRUE STORY! HE WENT THROUGH SOME CHANGES TO END UP WHERE HE IS NOW, BUT I'M HAPPY WITH HIM.

"Afterwords"

THERE WEREN'T TOO MANY EXTRA PAGES THIS TIME, WERE THERE. IT MADE THINGS EASIER ON ME, BUT I WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO ALL YOU READERS OUT THERE WHO WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING MORE. I'M SORRY. BUT IT ISN'T ALL UP TO ME, SO THERE'S NOT MUCH I CAN DO ABOUT IT. THERE WASN'T ENOUGH ROOM FOR THE PAGES FOR ALL THE PROFILES I HAD PLANNED OUT, SO I HAD TO MAKE IT REAL COMPACT. BUT MAYBE IT'S BETTER THAT WAY? I THINK I'LL DO IT THIS WAY FROM NOW ON. BESIDES, IT'LL LEAVE ROOM FOR OTHER EXTRA STUFF TOO!
OKEY-DOKEY, THAT'S SETTLED!

ALL RIGHT. WE'VE FINALLY COME TO A CLOSE FOR THE KING STORY ARC, AND THE NEXT VOLUME WILL TAKE US INTO A NEW DIRECTION. IF VOLUMES 1-9 OVERALL WERE ABOUT DEMON CARD, I PERSONALLY LIKE TO THINK ABOUT THIS AS THE "END OF PART I." JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME, IN THE KING ARC ALL THE MYSTERIES ARE SOLVED, AND I WAS CONSIDERING MAKING IT THE END OF THE WHOLE SERIES. BUT THAT'S A LITTLE TOO CONTRIVED, AND THERE'S LOTS OF FUN STUFF I'LL BE ABLE TO DO WITH THE REST OF THE STORY, SO I DECIDED AGAINST THAT. OF COURSE I DIDN'T START OFF WITH THE INTENTION OF ENDING IT HERE, EITHER (HA HA!). I WAS THINKING THE END OF THE KING ARC WOULD BE RIGHT ABOUT THE MIDDLE OF THE WHOLE SERIES. BUT THEN ONE DAY, OUT OF THE BLUE, AS I WAS DRAWING, I WAS OVERCOME WITH THE SILLY DESIRE TO MAKE A BRAND-NEW SERIES, SO I WAS TRYING TO THINK OF HOW I COULD WRAP EVERYTHING UP AT THE END OF THE KING ARC. BUT I CAN'T JUST END ONE SERIES RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THINGS TO START ANOTHER ONE. I'M STILL A NEWBIE IN THIS BUSINESS AND ALL! AND THAT WAS THE EXTENT OF MY DELIBERATIONS (APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS). AFTER THAT, I DECIDED TO DEVOTE ALL MY ENERGY TO *RAVE MASTER*. DON'T GET ME WRONG, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN GIVING THIS MY ALL, OF COURSE. BUT I REALLY WANT TO MAKE *RAVE MASTER* BETTER AND BETTER! I'LL BE WORKING MY BUTT OFF TO DO IT!

ON THAT NOTE, *RAVE MASTER* WILL GO ON!! I GUESS!! THE NEXT VOLUME WILL BRING US INTO WHAT I PERSONALLY LIKE TO THINK OF AS THE "DESTINY" (TENTATIVE, ERR, IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER ANYWAY) ARC OF THE STORY. SO I HOPE YOU ALL KEEP READING ALONG.

AND AFTER THAT WILL BE THE 3RD ARC, "SPACE," AND THE 4TH, "TOKYO," AND THE 5TH, "SOCCER," AND THE 6TH, "HORROR FLICK," AND THE 7TH, "PLUE'S RIGHT EYE," SO WATCH OUT FOR 'EM. I'M SORRY.
I'M JUST KIDDING ABOUT THAT.

Hiro Mashima

Mashima-san was born in Nagano, Japan on May 3, 1977. He created RAVE for Weekly Shonen magazine in 1998 when he was just 21 years old, and in 4 short years the series has already spawned 18 volumes, 3 guide books, a hit anime series, 2 console video games, gobs'o'merchandise, and has been licensed in all kinds of countries around the world. Mashima-san is quite fond of his hair (he cuts it himself and constantly changes its color). He hates caterpillars (don't ask why) and any that get in his path are just asking to be squashed. Oh yeah, and his blood type is B.

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